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I can fully appreciate just what you, our fans, are experiencing this season. After the last campaign when we finished third in the table, I know you all had such high hopes for us this season—dreams which have not materialised.

Our performances at The Hawthorns have been reasonably good and we have to maintain our home record against Bolton today. But to say you are disappointed is nothing what everyone at the club feels at the way our season has gone at the moment.

But we do not have time to feel sorry for ourselves, and as I have said on several occasions, this thought of mind must never creep into our situation.

I have heard it said that we are not relegation material but the fact has to be faced that we now find ourselves in this position and this should provide all the motivation required. It may seem facetious in the view of recent events to say I still hope we can finish in the top six but this is my definite aim.

Saying that safety is a prime concern is, in our position at the moment, a defeatist attitude and this is something else I do not allow in the club. We have been linked with players in speculative newspaper reports and while I accept the transfer market is a possibility, I have no intention of buying ourselves out of trouble.

I firmly believe we have the staff to play our way out of our present situation.

My main aim is to get all the players fit and tell them to go out there and play. As you will know, after the match at Nottingham Forest, we flew to the Persian Gulf for a four-day break and two matches against local sides but because these notes had to be written before we arrived back, I cannot give any details. I took out 18 players and it was my intention of playing them all at some stage.

The match against Forest was something of a disappointment because in the first half we competed well and led at half time but in the second period, as has happened before this season, we were pegged back and beaten.

Today's visitors Bolton have been having a traumatic season so far but they, like us, will draw confidence from the deeds of Ipswich and Brighton who looked like dead men earlier in the season but have rallied well and now they have escaped the grip of the bottom half of the table.

Ran Atkinson

PROFILE

Martyn Bennett

Martyn Bennett has the right type of background to succeed in football.

Nephew of Stan Bennett, for many years a stalwart of Walsall FC, Martyn joined Albion from Aldridge Comprehensive School, signing apprentice forms on 4th August 1977, his 16th birthday.

A year later Martyn stepped up to the full professional ranks being by that time established in the Central League side.

His senior debut came against Everton on 7th April 1979, when he replaced the injured Brendon Batson and almost 30,000 fans acclaimed him as a star of the future.

At the start of this season Martyn was sidelined through injury to his ankle, however, now fully fit he is quietly demonstrating his capabilities at the centre of the Reserves and FA Youth Cup team's defence.

Born in Birmingham, his travels to date have not been too great, however, if all goes well no doubt Martyn has a career ahead of him that could see him add to the many caps he has gained for playing in the England Youth team only at senior level.



BOLTON

Formed in 1874 as Christ Church FC, becoming Bolton Wanderers three years later, they are, like ourselves, founder members of the Football League.

The Wanderers have had a chequered career with spells in Divisions Two and Three, although from 1911 they had 22 years in the top flight.

Never First Division Champions, they have been in third spot on one occasion, and the record books shows them as FA Cup Winners four times, Second Division Champions twice and Third Division Champions on one occasion.

Both Bolton and Albion were very much in contention for promotion from Division Two in the 1975-76 season and only a last match win at Oldham saw us go up at the expense of the 'Trotters'.

A repeat of the situation occurred the following season with them just missing out for third place promotion spot much to Manager Ian Greaves chagrin.

Then 1977-78 saw it all happen for Bolton, Division Two winners over Southampton and Tottenham Hotspur they finally made it back to the top flight.

Probably the best remembered player of Wanderers is Nat Lofthouse, known as 'The Lion of Vienna'. Nat appeared in an England shirt no less than 33 times whilst with Bolton.

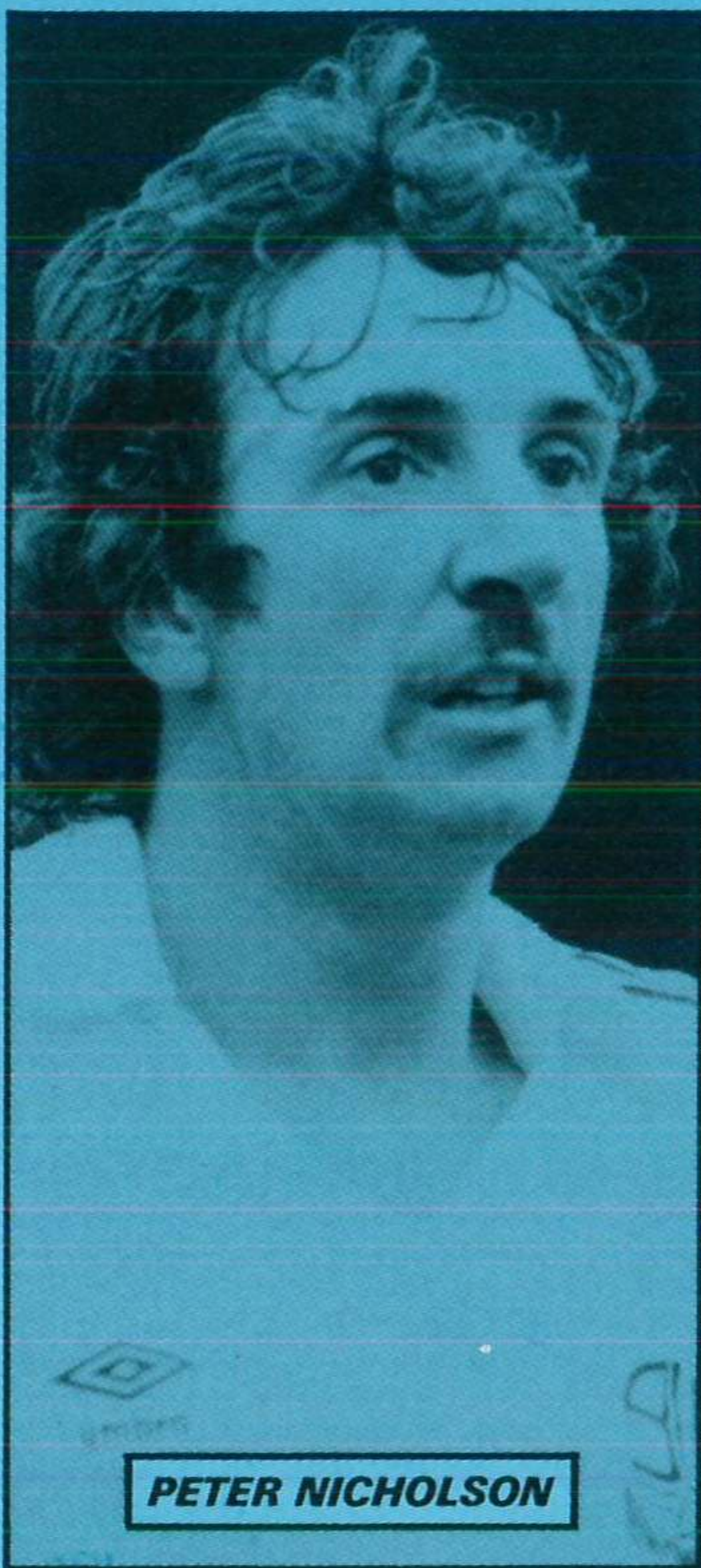
Another international, goalkeeper Eddie Hopkinson, holds the club record for League appearances for Bolton, totting up 519 in a 14-year spell.

Len Cantello heads the list as Bolton's most expensive signing, £350,000 changing hands for his signature when he left Albion in May last year.

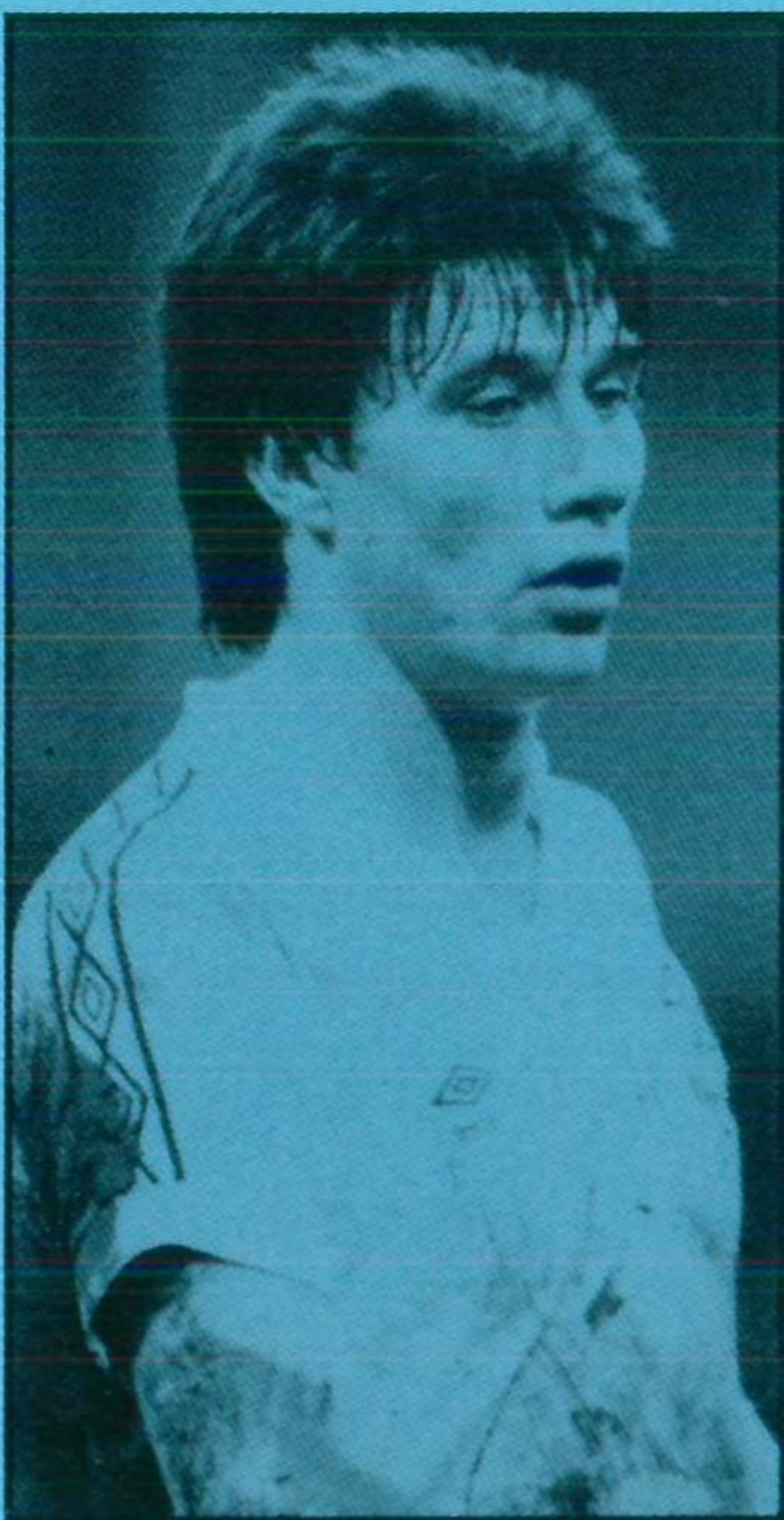
Len's prowess is well known to us and no doubt he and his colleagues will be giving their utmost in the quest for points to give them a much needed lift up the table.

Ian Greaves is still looking for fire-power up front, having recently transferred seasoned campaigner Frank Worthington to our near neighbours Birmingham City, and his team selection could be from the following.

JIM McDONAGH—goalkeeper. Jim must be the bargain of the decade, signing for the club for a £10,000 fee three seasons ago after a month on loan. Six feet tall, he matches his height with



Below: DAVID BURKE



ability and has proved to be a very consistent goalkeeper.

TERRY POOLE—goalkeeper. Signed from Huddersfield Town three years ago for a £25,000 fee, Terry has found his opportunities strictly limited by the good form of Jim McDonagh. Before the start of the season he had made just one first-team appearance, in the League Cup at Exeter in 1978.

DAVID BURKE—defender. David emerged on the first-team scene at the start of last season. From Winsford, Cheshire, he made his senior debut against Chelsea in the League Cup. Can play at full-back or in midfield and is a very exciting prospect.

DAVE CLEMENT—defender. An England international full-back, signed from Queen's Park Rangers for a £150,000 fee during the close season. He is a very experienced player who adds stability to Wanderers' back line and enjoys joining in attacks as well.

PETER NICHOLSON—defender. Signed by Wanderers from Blackpool for a small fee prior to the 1971-72 season and has proved to be a fantastic bargain. He can play anywhere in defence and adapted in fine style to the demands of the First Division last season.

ROY GREAVES—midfield. Bolton's longest-serving player. Born in Farnworth, near Bolton, he has a well-earned reputation for being a non-stop worker who likes to be involved all the time.

PAUL JONES—defender. Paul is a tall, quick tackling defender who has been a member of the Under-23 and full England squads. He is a commanding player in the air as well as on the ground and has a habit of scoring vital goals.

SAM ALLARDYCE—defender. A central defender born in the Midlands, joining Wanderers from school. Made his debut in 1975 and is another player who can score goals, particularly with his head from set pieces. Had a spell out of the side last season after losing his place because of injury.

MIKE WALSH—defender. Born in Manchester, Mike joined Wanderers from school. He earned a regular place in the side after being groomed for a couple of seasons and is equally proficient in the middle of the defence, full-back or midfield.



**ALAN
GOWLING**

NEIL McNAB—midfield. Signed for Wanderers from Tottenham Hotspur last season for £250,000. A willing worker he is a fine passer of the ball and enjoys himself in the thick of the action.

PETER REID—midfield. Signed for Bolton from school on Merseyside. Was a regular member of the England Under-21 side, which he also skippered. A talented player who had the misfortune to sustain a severe knee injury which put him out of action for the second half of last season.

LEN CANTELLO—midfield. Len cost Bolton a record £350,000 fee when signed from Albion in the close season. He is the sort of midfield player who delights in stamping his authority on a game. Always looking for a chance to attack he is an exciting player with an eye for seeing an unexpected opening.

WILLIE MORGAN—winger. Started his career with Burnley then moved to Manchester United for a big fee. Returned to Burnley and was signed by Wanderers four seasons ago on a free transfer. A Scottish international, Willie spent last summer playing in American football.

NEIL WHATMORE—striker. Strong attacker with a flair for scoring goals. Was a prolific scorer in the Second Division, but found his appearances limited last season. Can also play in midfield.

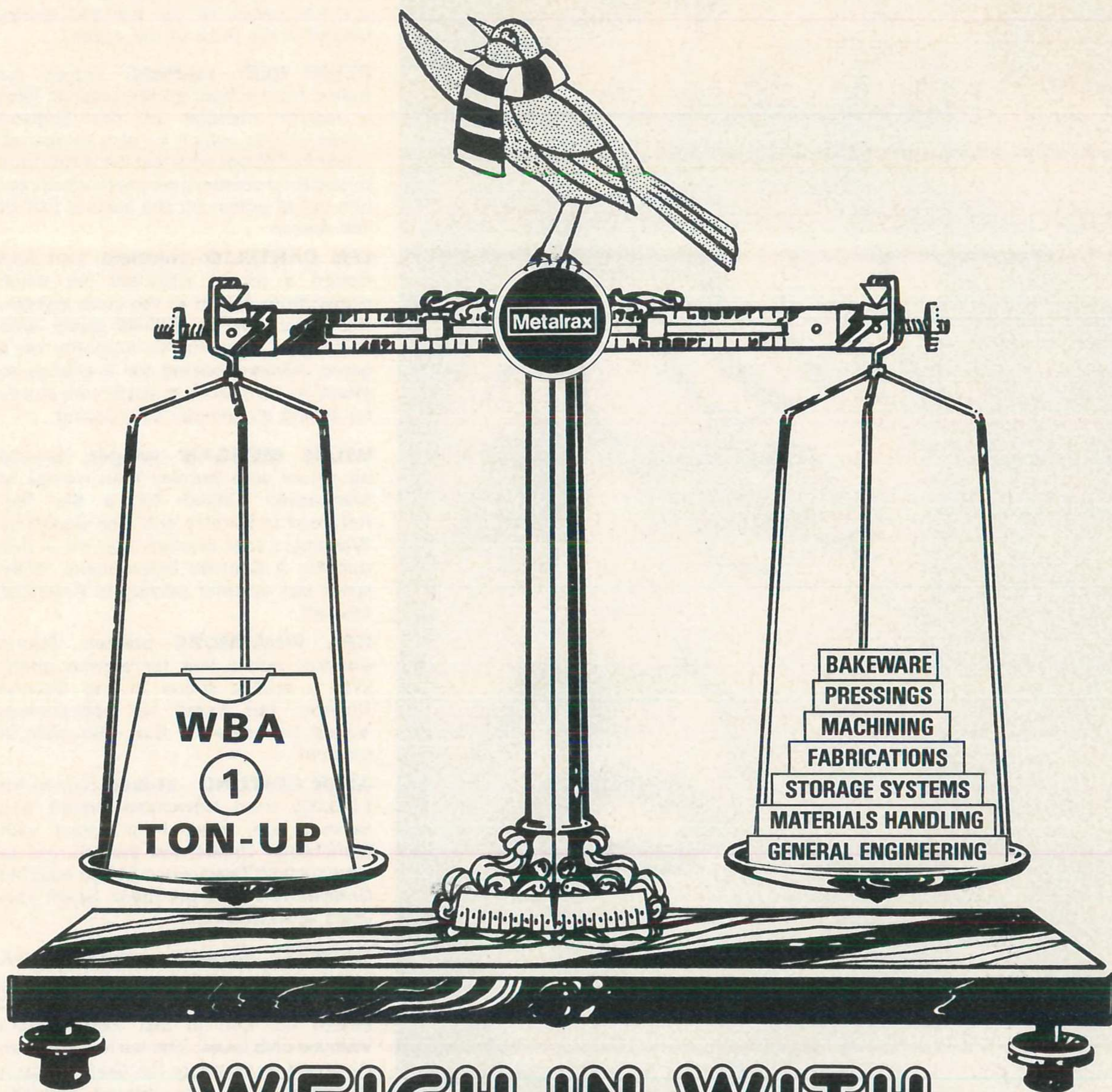
ALAN GOWLING—striker. Signed for £120,000 from Newcastle United two seasons ago. Started his career with Manchester United and then moved to Huddersfield Town when Bolton boss Ian Greaves was manager there. Spent four years at Newcastle.

TADEUSZ NOWAK—winger. Polish attacker who won international honours at every level for his country. Signed just before the end of last season from Warsaw club Legia. The fee has not been disclosed by manager Ian Greaves but it is estimated to be around £50,000. Tadeusz is a tall, speedy player who can play in any attacking position.

CHRIS THOMPSON—striker. A speedy attacker with plenty of skill, Chris joined Wanderers from school. He became an apprentice and then signed professional forms in July 1977. Has represented England at Youth level.

MIKE GRAHAM—defender. A youngster who joined Wanderers from school and made the breakthrough to the senior scene last season. A strong tackling full-back, he looks to have a very bright future in the game. Born in Lancaster.

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CENTENARY...of Albion's CATALOGUE League and Cup Results

●1937-38 LEAGUE DIVISION 1

Team	H	A	Team	H	A
Arsenal	0-0	1-1	Leeds U.	2-1	0-1
Birmingham	4-3	1-2	Leicester C.	1-3	1-4
Blackpool	1-2	1-3	Liverpool	5-1	1-0
Bolton Wanderers	2-4	0-3	Manchester C.	1-1	1-7
Brentford	4-3	2-0	Middlesbrough	3-1	1-4
Charlton A.	0-0	1-3	Portsmouth	1-2	3-2
Chelsea	4-0	2-2	Preston N.E.	1-1	1-1
Derby County	4-2	3-5	Stoke C.	0-1	0-4
Everton	3-1	3-5	Sunderland	1-6	0-3
Grimsby T.	2-1	4-1	Wolverhampton	2-2	1-2
Huddersfield T.	5-1	1-2			

League appearances: E. Sandford 42, C. Shaw 42, J. Mahon 40, H. Jones 33, J. Adams 31, R. Finch 30, W. G. Richardson 29, I. Clarke 27, J. Murphy 23, S. Heaselgrave 19, J. Johnson 18, W. Robbins 18, H. Lowery 17, J. Sankey 16, J. Rix 15, W. Boyes 14, A. McNab 12, S. Wood 11, G. Shaw 7, H. Baldwin 5, W. Light 4, N. Male 3, W. Harris 2, I. Bassett 2, C. Davies 2.

League goalscorers: W. G. Richardson 15, Mahon 13, Jones 11, Johnson 7, Clarke 6, Heaselgrave 5, Robbins 5, C. Shaw 4, Sankey 2, Wood 2, Boyes 1, Male 1, Sandford 1, opponent (Smith, Preston) 1. Total 74.

FA CUP Round 3 Newcastle United (h) 1-0
4 York City (a) 2-3

FA Cup appearances: Adams 2, Boyes 2, Clarke 2, Finch 2, Johnson 2, Murphy 2, W. G. Richardson 2, Sankey 2, C. Shaw 2, Jones 1, Mahon 1, Robbins 1, Sandford 1.

FA Cup goalscorers: W. G. Richardson 2, opponent (Pinder, York City) 1.

Summary: Albion suffered relegation this season with this record: P-42, W-14, D-8, L-20, F-74, A-91, Pts.-36. Fourteen away defeats did not help matters, and their placing was 22nd.

●1938-39 LEAGUE DIVISION 2

Team	H	A	Team	H	A
Blackburn Rovers	2-0	0-3	Norwich C.	4-2	3-2
Bradford	0-2	4-4	Nottm. Forest	0-0	0-2
Burnley	1-2	3-0	Plymouth A.	4-2	1-2
Bury	6-0	3-3	Sheffield U.	3-4	1-1
Chesterfield	1-0	1-3	Sheffield W.	5-1	1-2
Coventry C.	3-1	1-1	Southampton	2-0	1-2
Fulham	3-0	0-3	Swansea T.	0-0	2-3
Luton T.	3-0	1-3	Tottenham H.	4-3	2-2
Manchester C.	3-1	3-3	Tranmere Rovers	2-0	1-3
Millwall	0-0	5-1	West Ham U.	3-2	1-2
Newcastle U.	5-2	1-5			

League appearances: C. Shaw 42, J. Adams 40, A. McNab 37, H. White 36, J. Johnson 34, I. Clarke 32, H. Jones 32, W. Tudor 31, D. Witcomb 29, S. Heaselgrave 27, J. Sankey 19, W. Elliott 17, M. Burgin 14, W. G. Richardson 13, G. Spencer 13, I. Bassett 6, G. Dudley 6, W. Gipton 6, E. Sandford 6, C. Davies 5, J. Mahon 5, J. Murphy 3, W. Robbins 3, W. Saunders 2, S. Butler 1, G. Banks 1, E. Hoyland 1, G. Pike 1.

League goalscorers: H. Jones 18, Johnson 15, Clarke 14, Heaselgrave 11, Burgin 9, W. G. Richardson 4, C. Shaw 4, Elliott 3, Banks 2, Dudley 2, McNab 2, Spencer 2, Witcomb 2, Sandford 1. Total 89.

FA CUP Round 3 Manchester United (h) 0-0
Replay: Manchester United (a) 5-1
Round 4 Portsmouth (a) 0-2

FA Cup appearances: Adams 3, Clarke 3, Heaselgrave 3, Johnson 3, Jones 3, McNab 3, C. Shaw 3, Tudor 3, Witcomb 3, White 3, W. G. Richardson 2, G. A. Wilkes 1.

FA Cup goalscorers: Jones 2, Clarke 1, W. G. Richardson 1, Witcomb 1.

Summary: A record of P-42, W-18, D-9, L-15, F-89, A-72, Pts.-45 gave Albion 10th place in Division Two this season. The average home gate dropped from 23,246 to 18,467—the lowest figure since 1929-30.

●1939-40 LEAGUE DIVISION 2

(Only 3 games played)

Swansea Town (Away) 2-1, Coventry City (Away) 3-3, Tottenham Hotspur (Home) 3-4.

League appearances: J. Adams 3, G. Banks 3, E. Connelly 3, W. Gipton 3, J. Johnson 3, E. Jones 3, H. Jones 3, A. McNab 3, J. Sankey 3, C. Shaw 3, H. White 3.

League goalscorers: E. Jones 4, H. Jones 2, Banks 1, Connelly 1. The programme was abandoned on 3rd September, owing to the outbreak of the Second World War.

●1945-46 LEAGUE SOUTH

Team	H	A	Team	H	A
Arsenal	0-1	0-2	Millwall	3-1	4-1
Aston Villa	1-0	3-3	Newport	6-0	3-0
Birmingham	0-0	0-4	Nottm. Forest	1-0	2-0
Brentford	3-4	0-2	Plymouth A.	5-2	4-0
Charlton A.	2-5	1-1	Portsmouth	2-0	0-3
Chelsea	8-1	4-7	Southampton	5-2	2-1
Coventry C.	2-2	2-3	Swansea T.	4-1	4-2
Derby County	2-3	3-3	Tottenham H.	5-0	2-4
Fulham	3-1	4-1	West Ham	1-2	1-1
Leicester C.	3-2	3-1	Wolverhampton	1-1	0-0
Luton T.	3-1	2-1			

League appearances: L. Millard 38, D. Witcomb 36, I. Clarke 35, W. Elliott 34, G. Tranter 34, R. Barlow 32, H. Kinsell 31, C. Shaw 29, F. Hodgetts 28, J. Sanders 27, S. Butler 26, R. Ryan 17, H. White 13, W. Harris 12, R. Newsome 12, E. Connelly 10, A. Rowley 9, G. Banks 8, W. Gipton 6, C. Evans 4, B. Gomm 4, W. Pears 3, D. Saunders 2, W. Saunders 2, J. Southam 2, D. Bradley 1, C. Edwards 1, G. Hood 1, S. Heaselgrave 1, J. T. Jinks 1, L. Twigg 1, N. Williams 1, G. Williams 1.

League goalscorers: Clarke 19, Elliott 19, Barlow 12, Newsome 10, Hodgetts 9, Rowley 8, Butler 7, Banks 4, Millard 4, Connelly 3, D. Saunders 2, Gomm 1, Jinks 1, Pears 1, White 1, Witcomb 1, opponents (Freeman, Fulham, Ward, Tottenham) 2.

FA CUP Round 3 Cardiff City (a) 1-1 (1st Leg)
3 Cardiff City (h) 4-0 (2nd Leg)
4 Derby County (a) 0-1 (1st Leg)
4 Derby County (h) 1-3 (2nd Leg)

FA Cup appearances: Clarke 4, Connelly 4, Elliott 4, Kinsell 4, Millard 4, Newsome 4, Shaw 4, Tranter 4, Witcomb 4, Sanders 3, Butler 2, Hodgetts 1, D. Saunders 1, Twigg 1.

FA Cup goalscorers: Clarke 3, Newsome 2, Connelly 1.

Summary: This was a 'transitional' season and Albion's record was: P-42, W-22, D-8, L-12, F-104, A-69, Pts.-52. They finished 5th.

Albion Action





Our action spread this issue spans three matches . . . ★ *Top left:* Cyrille Regis is shown scoring against West Ham United taking us into the replay . . . ★ *Bottom left:* Tony Brown scores at West Ham . . . ★ *Above:* Again Cyrille finds the net, this time at Nottingham Forest . . . ★ *Right:* Brendon Batson and John Deehan are on hand with the congratulations . . . ★ *Below:* Peter Barnes in action against Forest.

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TEAMS

WEST BROMWICH ALBION

Blue & White Striped Shirts, White Shorts

- 1 TONY GODDEN
- 2 BRENDON BATSON
- 3 DEREK STATHAM
- 4 JOHN TREWICK
- 5 JOHN WILE
- 6 ALISTAIR ROBERTSON
- 7 DAVID MILLS
- 8 JOHN DEEHAN
- 9 CYRILLE REGIS
- 10 GARY OWEN
- 11 PETER BARNES
- 12

BOLTON WANDERERS

White Shirts, Navy Blue Shorts

- 1 JIM McDONAGH
- 2 DAVE CLEMENT
- 3 PETER NICHOLSON
- 4 ROY GREAVES
- 5 SAM ALLARDYCE
- 6 MICK WALSH
- 7 WILLIE MORGAN
- 8 NEIL WHATMORE
- 9 ALAN GOWLING
- 10 LEN CANTELLO
- 11 PETER REID

OFFICIALS

REFEREE: Mr G. P. OWEN
Anglesey,

Commenced refereeing in Anglesey in 1961, then via Welsh League (North) and Welsh League to the Football League list. A married man, with three children, he is Headmaster of Llanddona Primary School and a part-time soccer reporter for BBC radio and television—Welsh speaking programmes.

LINESMEN: Mr H. E. BISHOP, Tonypandy—Red Flag
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A BETTER UNDERSTANDING

By COLIN BENSON

The hardest job on the field of play today will probably be that of the referee, the part time official whose decisions can sometimes win or lose a game.

His is a thankless task, for his actions have to be sharp and precise, he has to act as judge and jury on countless incidents throughout a game and be seen to be fair.

Put in this position it is not surprising that they become the targets for criticism, the scapegoat for many a failing manager who will credit bad refereeing as the reason for his teams demise and his eventual sacking.

Gamesmanship

Of course, referees do not take sides. They are honest men conscientious football fans who have worked their way up from local football games to the top. And certainly money is not the thing that motivates them, for in comparison to the players, they are paid peanuts.

But since the game began there has obviously been some form of gamesmanship practiced by some players, otherwise there would never have been the need to appoint a neutral official to oversee the proceedings.

Most of the controversy over the men in black centres around the highly competitive and commercial world of League football where the stakes are so high and the pitfalls so deep. It is a world of tension, strain and pressure, with every little problem magnified a thousand fold by the media, there is no room for failure.

Live With It

Of course, referees do make mistakes, sometimes important ones that can change the whole course of a game. But they are human and they have to live with it as do the players, management and fans.

One has to be realistic, play has got much faster over the years and it is easy for a referee to be deceived by quick movement. But this raises the question that if referees are missing a lot of fouls, are the players perpetrating them deliberately?

In recent months one national daily paper has run a series of articles on the players they labelled as "cheats" those footballers whose dramatics are more apparent than their skills. It would be naive to suggest that there are not such players in the game, but they are but a minute proportion of the 1,104 players that are on duty in the Football League every weekend.

So if we accept that officials will make mistakes and that there is some cheating on the field by players, where do we go from there? I think there must be close liaison between referees and players, maybe even the appointment of a squad of full time professional referees who could join in team training sessions and discuss with the players their mutual anxieties.

problems in the player - referee relationship is the lack of respect for the official. Closer contact in working conditions could help in this

respect.

Finally, the officials themselves must strive for greater consistency and honesty. It is only natural for a referee to be more reluctant to give a decision against a defender in the penalty area, because of the consequences - a penalty. But is it being honest and playing the game by the rules?

There obviously is a very fine line to be drawn, but a player will only be penalised if he has been judged to intentionally commit the offence.



Above: Ian Wallace (Coventry) in a mid-air tussle with the West Bromwich Albion defence.



BRIAN GLANVILLE WRITES

Television, love it or loathe it, is a phenomenon we have to live with, an overriding reality of the modern age. In itself, it is neutral, merely a medium, a force neither for good nor evil. What matters is how it is used; and here the scope for controversy and debate is infinite, not least in football. Not long ago, Brian Clough appeared on BBC tv at Saturday lunchtime, interviewed by the sympathetic John Motson, and launched a characteristic tirade at football television; more specifically, at Match of the Day. What that programme was doing to referees, he told us, altruistically, was "criminal". A referee had to make up his mind in four or five seconds. Television, by implication, had time and technology, to spare.

A mere journalist may perhaps be pardoned for being a little amused to see television — proud, powerful, overwhelming television — caught for once on the hop. The BBC boys were thrown into terrible confusion. Qui s'excuse, s'accuse, the French say, and the BBC experts submerged us at once in a welter of excuses. First, Bob Wilson, then Jimmy Hill, assured

us that they as often supported referees as condemned them. Bob Wilson produced the relevant example of an apparent foul by an Austrian defender on Kenny Dalglish in the Scotland-Austria Nations Cup game which had him leaping from his seat at that time, crying for a penalty; but which later, seen on television, had him supporting the referee.

Censorship

Hill challenged Clough to confront him with his points on Match of the Day itself, and we were assured that despite Clough's suggestions, the programme never gave us short weight; always the maximum permitted three quarters of an hour of action, agreed with the Football League.

Who was right, who was wrong? Clough sternly announced that if he wanted serious discussion, he would turn to Shirley Williams — on poli-

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tics, one assumed, rather than on football. Censorship was in the air. If television has the technology, is there any reason why they shouldn't make use of it to elucidate what happens on the field? To me, one of the major attractions and strengths of the excellent Match of the Day programme lies precisely in the wonderfully swift way Hill and his men can assemble snippets of film from the afternoon's game to illustrate technical and tactical points. As an authentic purveyor of football, television scarcely begins; what it does, instead, for all its wizardries, is to compress and distort. But when you

have a battery of cameras placed at various heights and angles, you are in a splendid position to show goal-mouth incident, and perhaps to illustrate offside.

Inconclusive

Not always, of course. Neither television nor cinema film has ever satisfactorily shown us whether that goal of Geoff Hurst against West Germany in the World Cup Final of 1966 truly was a goal. You will remember that the ball hit the crossbar and bounced down on the line; or over it. Bakharov, the Russian Linesman, thought it a goal, so a goal it was; the one which put England back into the lead. The West Germans bitterly disagreed, and still do.

By an odd chance, Brian Clough's assault on BBC tv was almost concurrent with an editorial in the leading European soccer magazine FRANCE FOOTBALL entitled "TV isn't an absolute weapon". The article pointed out that the French programme Telefoot 1 had quite failed to clarify a rash of controversial incidents which had taken place in European Cup ties the previous Wednesday. French teams had given away four penalties and, in the case of Saint Etienne against PSV Eindhoven in the UEFA Cup, a goal flawed by the suspicion of offside.

Only in this last, said the editorial, had any light been shed. The Dutch player in an offside position was shown to be running back towards his own goal when the shot was made, so that he could not possibly be interfering with play. In all the other incidents, doubt and confusion remained. Moral: the often heard cry for television apparatus to be installed at all stadia to assist the referee was a misguided one, which would not only waste a great deal of time but generate as much perplexity as it assuaged.

Injustice

I confess that when, in 1977, Wales conceded that abominably unfair goal to Scotland at Liverpool in the World Cup, Joe Jordan punching the ball in the Welsh area and gaining a penalty for it, I felt myself that something must be done to avoid future such injustice. The problem is, at what points do you start and stop? Would a referee, on appeal by the penalised side, always have to consult visual aids, or would it be left to his judgement?

In the meantime, I see no reason why Jimmy Hill and his Match of the Day men should not continue to discuss, analyse and make use of such devices as the instant replay, slow motion, and the strategically placed camera. Where I did, at one time, part company with Hill was over the matter of television sitting in sublime judgement on managers, who were hauled into the studio and hauled — tactically speaking — over the coals, after a game in which their team had played. There is a great temptation, given the power, scope and technological resource of the medium, to play the Almighty, but that is one thing; mere analysis is surely another.

Those who believe television should not comment, merely display, are those who have been heard to say that reporters should not criticise, merely "describe what they see" as though this in itself were not a deeply critical and selective act. Why, it has even come to the point where Science admits that supposedly objective experiments are greatly affected by the nature and outlook of the scientists who conduct them. Why should football reporters be any different?

Finally, is the referee's task made harder by televised criticism after a game? No more, surely, than that of a player — or a manager.



Right: A TV type close-up of a minor clash for possession.



As you approach the City of Leicester on the motorway, you are greeted by a griffito message in bold black letters, sprayed across the parapet of a bridge declaring, "Leicester City F C will be back".

This is no idle boast but a declaration of the fans faith in the ability of that canny scot, Jock Wallace, who is now at the helm, under full sail and on course for Division One.

Wallace, a large burly figure of a man, with big ideas is much more than just a team manager, he is a leader, a man of action who knows the route to the top — he has trodden it often enough — and the way to achieve it. Seated in his spacious office beneath a gallery of pictures depicting his countless success' with Glasgow Rangers he talks about the strategy that will take Leicester City back where they belong.

"When I first came here morale was down, apathy stank. I kicked a few backsides around the place, unloaded a few lads who did not want to play for the club. You cannot be good all the time but you can do your best all the time and that is one of the major requirements".

Mr. Wallace is not one for dwelling on the past. Looking more the part of a headmaster, in his spectacles, than a successful football club boss he said, "The past is old hat, I am concerned with the future. There is optimism here now instead of pessimism. We look forward to a game on a Saturday a game on a Wednes-

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day. We can only play one game at a time so let's enjoy that. If it is won great, if it is lost, too bad. That is my attitude.

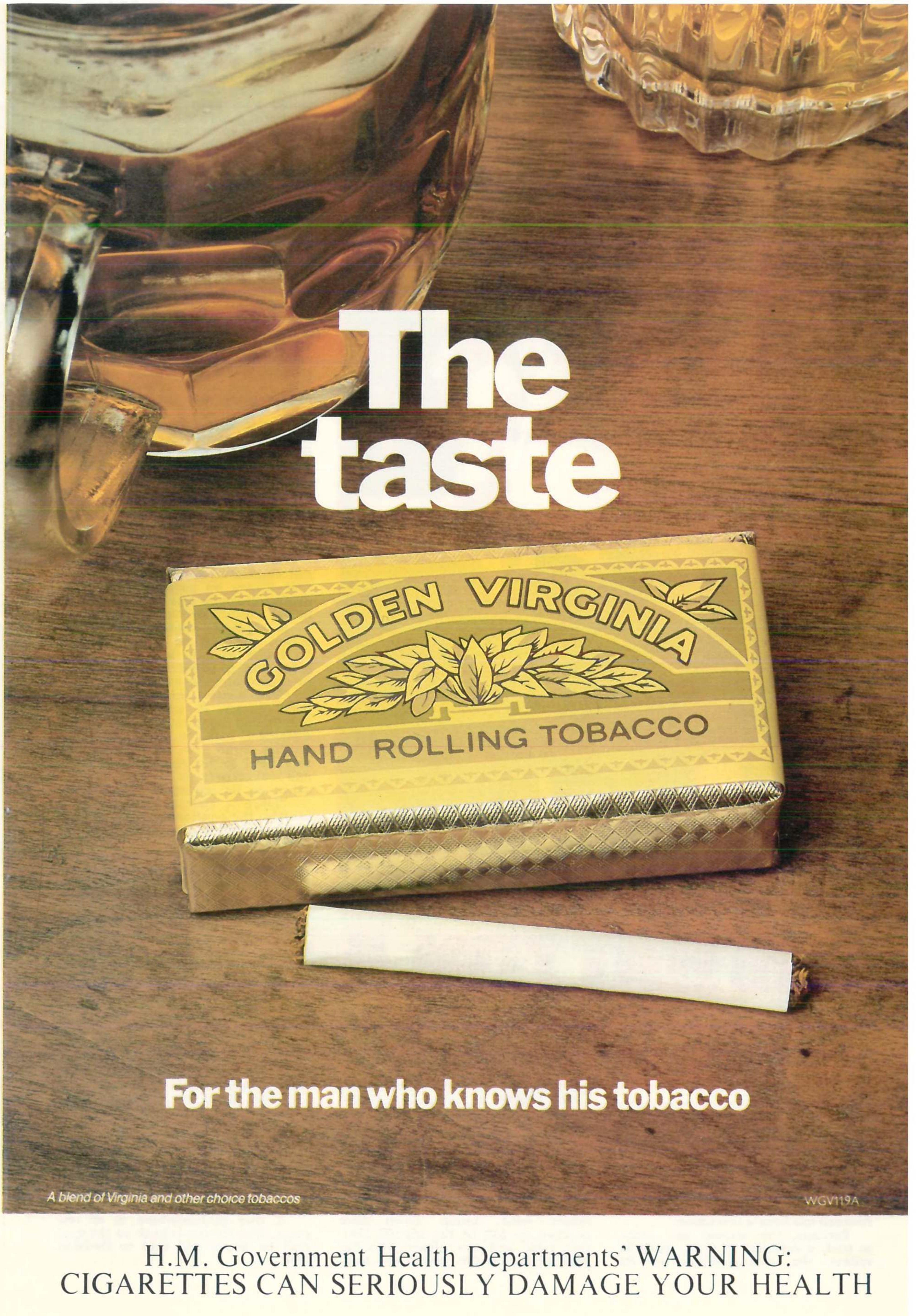
"We are still very much in the development stage as a complete unit. I am not just talking about the team on the park, but the whole club. I do not see any difference between the groundsman who has to do his job to get the park right. The man who runs the restaurant and gets that right and me who has to get the football right. If it is all alright, then you have a real chance, I believe that so emphatically.

"You have got to build up a good club with loyal support, people who believe in what you are doing. We have got a fighting spirit we are not going to give it to anybody. If we come off beaten, with our shirts soaking wet with sweat okay. These are cliches but they have to be made to happen. Nothing has changed since 1890, it is still the same. A winning team creates morale, a losing side loses it".

With 28 goals from the opening 15 League matches there can be little doubt about Mr. Wallace's intentions to provide the Leicester public with attractive attacking football.

He says, "The youngsters have last year under their belt now, a years hard work, a new experience. They were put in when they were cold and had to be coaxed along, but now they can be driven because they understand what we are after".

The future of Leicester City football club is obviously in good hands. Five times Division 2 Champions, the 'Foxes' have gained a reputation as a yo-yo team since the resumption of League football after the war, gaining promotion to the 1st Division three times and being relegated three times. Now it seems they are on their way up and if they do achieve their aim come next spring, it will not be through luck, but due to good planning and hard work. As the message says, there is more than a fair chance that "Leicester City F.C. will be back."



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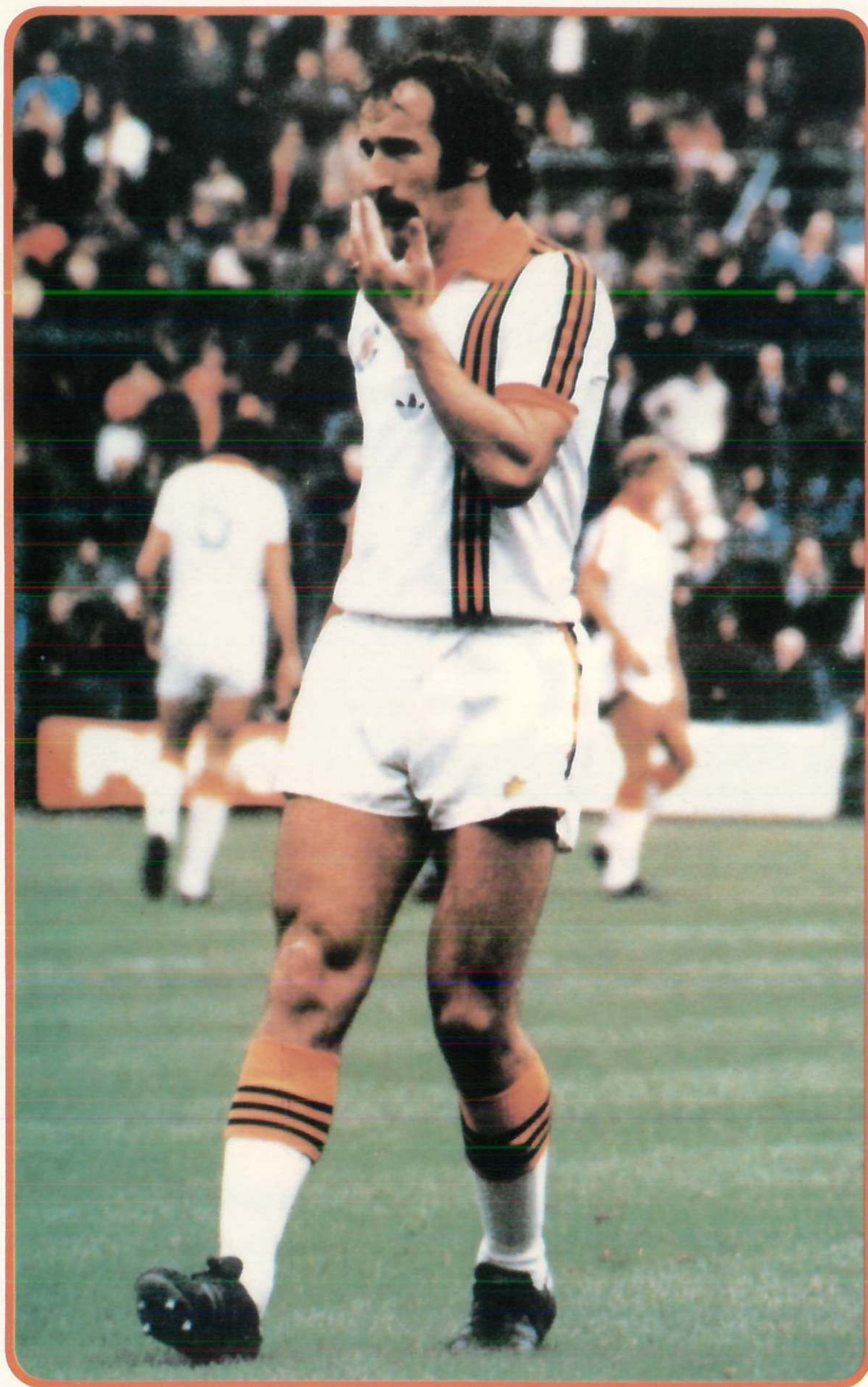


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BOB HATTON A THOROUGHbred

By JOHN NOLAN

Luton Town might not be the most fashionable club around, but they are certainly one of the most entertaining.

And if it is true value for money you are looking for, then you could not do better than go and watch the 'Hatters', whose brand of intelligent football has been a revelation.

Perhaps, this should not come as such a surprise? A team tends to reflect the characteristics of its

manager, and in David Pleat, Luton Town possess a young boss whose honesty and dedication is beyond reproach.

The fact that his refreshing insistence on quality football has also reaped rewards, restores ones faith that there is still a future for the English game.

With a quarter of the League season gone, Luton Town were perched on top of the Second Division table and one player who has both helped in this revival and been

helped by it, is non other than that experienced striker Bob Hatton.

If you had seen Bob performing at the back end of last season you would have written him off as a has been. A yard too slow in the box, ponderous in action, it seemed that the 32 year old centre forward had lost all the old flair and determination that had made him such a respected striker over a career that has spanned seven clubs.

Now Hatton has a new lease of life. His appetite has returned and not only is he scoring goals regularly, but he is running off the ball like a teenager.

Last October he crowned a brilliant performance with a first half hat-trick that left Bristol Rovers a shattered remnant of a team.

Spectacular as his goals were — a volley, a glancing header and a ball which he headed down into the ground before it bounced over the line — the most revealing aspect of his game was his overall work rate.

During that first 45 minutes he won possession of the ball 11 times in the Bristol area, converting three goals and either making positive passes or shooting from the remaining eight contacts.

He was also involved in 12 build up movements outside the box and made just one bad pass, near the end of the half.

Bob Hatton's return to form has not surprised his manager who says, "He thrives on goals. He is a good professional and like all good strikers he has a selfish streak".

In typical modesty Bob's reaction was that he is experiencing, "a touch of lady luck". But there is far more to goalscoring than that as he agrees, when he explains:

"This season things have gone a little better, I have found that indefinable something that is the difference between scoring and not scoring. Mind you, we have worked very hard at our game as individuals and collectively as a team, and it seems to be paying dividends now.

"Once a striker gets a run of scoring, the confidence starts to flow and hopefully I can continue to find the back of the net".

One interesting aspect of the teams play was brought to light by David Pleat who says, "Although Bob was not scoring regularly last season, he was getting to the line and making all sorts of things happen for Brian Stein. This year, Stein is doing the creating and Hatton the finishing. It is something that has just evolved we have not particularly worked on it".

One thing that keeps this master scorer — he had notched 156 goals in 441 games up to the start of this season — going is a self-determination to play at as high a level as possible. The only way to achieve that is through hard work. Yet, Pleat realises that there are limits and says: "We rest him and work him like a race horse.

"Bob has got power and stamina in his body, but he needs that explosive spark on a Saturday. He has to be mentally very fresh on a match day so I do not train him too hard in case we dull his edge".

A true thoroughbred in all respects, Bob Hatton is back on the goal trail he hopes will lead to Division One.



JOHN DUNCAN REVEALS THERE ARE NO EASY CHANCES

John Duncan, that elegant striker who led Tottenham Hotspur to promotion with 20 goals in 1977-78, now finds himself leading another crusade. That of keeping Derby County in the First Division.

After 15 League games, John had already claimed a third of Derby's 15 goals in just 12 appearances, helping the 'Rams' to victory against Arsenal, Middlesbrough, Bolton and Bristol City.

"I am reasonably pleased with my form," is Duncan's assessment of the current situation: "I had an injury at the beginning of the season and missed the first three games, but I am fit now and am reasonably happy at the way things have gone."

Not Bad
"There is a lot of enthusiasm from the management team of Colin Addison and John Newman and this has carried over to the players. We know that they are working hard to that and I think we are responding well and working hard as well. Things are not going great, but they are not going too badly."

"I would not say there is anything wrong with the side. We have played at par most of the time this season and we are gradually improving. We will better our position in the League".

Duncan who moved to the Midlands last season in a £150,000 deal, scored 5 times in 16 outings for the 'Rams' in that campaign. We asked the man whose job it is to spearhead Derby County's revival, whether he preferred to receive the ball to feet or in the air?

Not Easy
"That is putting it too much in a nutshell", was his reply. "I suppose preference is to get the ball on the ground, but in some instances, all you can do is a flick-on and then the aerial ball is on. You have to be able to accept it either way and hopefully I can do that."

"The most difficult chances to take, in my mind, are those when you have broken clear of the defence and are running in on goal with only the 'keeper to beat."

"If you look at these situations on the television, you will be amazed at the low proportion of conversions. 'What a chance!' is the normal interpretation, but it is usually the goalie who comes out on top."

Face Value
"You know when I see a player break through I do not expect him to score, not even at the highest level. It is just not technically a simple chance. The goalkeeper has a lot of things going for him. He comes forward to narrow the angle and while you are taking this in, the defenders are chasing you from behind. It is just not as simple as it seems on the face of it."

"I would much rather be left with a snap shot at goal, with the goal keeper on or around his line. Your reaction is then spontaneous, it is automatic".

The Derby striker was then asked whether he put pressure on himself in these situations by thinking that he must score because it is expected? "Possibly", he agrees. "In my case, it is a psychological problem because I realise it is not an easy thing and that I have probably only got a one in three chance of scoring. But I think on the face of it there are very few players who are regularly good at scoring from these opportunities. Malcolm Macdonald was good at it but there are not many others that you would put your shirt on".

Now John Duncan, a quietly spoken goal ace returns to his quest for more goals to add to his total of 125 scored for Dundee, Spurs and Derby. Success for him points to salvation for Derby County.



*Above:
Highbury, where
up to 52,000 fans cram
in to watch Arsenal.*

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The way to get the Football League back on a sound commercial footing is to discard the Third and Fourth Divisions. That is the radical suggestion made by Dudley Kernick the Stoke City Commercial Manager as he discusses the need for a Super League when meeting Colin Benson.

Benson: "With inflation biting hard into football finances there is a great need to make the game more profitable. What steps do you think should be taken by the football authorities?"

Kernick: "Perhaps, we should have a Super League. We now know that our footballers can play for twelve months of the year, don't we?" (This is a tongue in cheek reference to the overworked English players who spend all summer playing in America).

"We could have our domestic season from April to October, the Cup Final in November and then the Super League. I think the possibility is there.

Benson: "You say you would like to sell football Dudley, but how would you do it? If Stoke City came up with some revolutionary ideas the rest of the clubs would probably



*Right:
Third Division Gillingham
play before gates of
between 5,000 and
10,000 people.*

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laugh at them. The problem is that, unless all the clubs are in agreement no progress can be made. This is where the North American Soccer League have it over us, for they negotiate all commercial enterprises as one deal. Here, if an industrial outlet says to the Football League that they are willing to invest £2 million in the game, providing all 92 clubs participate, the deal is dead before it has got off the ground, because you cannot get all the clubs to agree".

Kernick: "You have just brought out a bee in my bonnet, because obviously, 92 clubs is too many. Nobody would assume to govern that many clubs, because you cannot. So, therefore, I think the Third and Fourth Divisions should go as members of the Football League".

Benson: "But they are not members, they are only Associate Members of the Football League with a total voting capacity of just four votes".

Kernick: "They still get the same cut out of the Pools, they still get the same cut out of the television payment as the Manchester United's and Liverpool's of this world, so they

are really parasites. To clubs like Wimbledon the £25,000 cut from T.V. is fantastic, yet it is nothing to Manchester United, and who appears most on the screen?"

Benson: "The clubs appearing on the screen of course, receive facility fee, but going back to your earlier suggestion, I do not see the smaller clubs as parasites. Surely, the Football League is the best in the world because of its depth. I have seen Millwall, Gillingham, Swindon, Southend United and Bournemouth produce football of a very high quality this season and without clubs like these the standard at the top would eventually erode".

Kernick: "I would agree. I too, have seen Southern League football and they have improved their standard but they do not get subsidised. There is also the Alliance League which has just come into being and that is quite a high grade, they find their own level and so would your Crewe's and Hartlepool's. At this moment, they are being subsidised by the big clubs and that is what they are living on.

"We keep hearing Alan Hardacre saying we are in the entertainment business. Well, if Crewe Alexandre, Hartlepool, Halifax, Darlington or any club that has gates below 2,000 cannot get enough money through the turnstiles to pay their performers then they should not exist. If people will not pay to see them then they cease to be entertainers".

Benson: "I do not think there is one club in the league that can claim to be self-sufficient through football".

Kernick: "The money we make from commercial activities does not go towards the wages it is used to finance improvements to the stadium. Lower down the scale the money earned from Development Associations has to be put towards salaries because on 2,000 gates they cannot exist.

"If you have a night club and Shirley Bassey comes for £10,000 a week and you only take £5,000 through the door, then you do not book Shirley Bassey again, because you will lose money. It is funny that you think that football should be subsidised like ballet or the arts".

Benson: "I find it strange that someone like you who has played and managed at the lower level should have these beliefs. Don't you fear that the overall standard of our football will deteriorate if half the clubs go part-time?"

Kernick: "No, I do not think it will. Just because you pay them more money it is not going to make them better footballers. If a player is ambitious enough he will break through to the top. Cyrille Regis comes to mind and last season John Barton moved from Worcester to Everton for £30,000. There are lots of examples, Mick Tuohy at Southend, Brian Stein at Luton.

"Those players who have joined 3rd and 4th Division clubs probably do not earn much more money as full time professionals than they did as part timers with a job. But the clubs are overpaying them as far as their own budgets are concerned, simply to keep them.

"I think the smaller clubs would find their level, they would come

through. On the Continent they only have one top league in most countries. You get the same big names coming through all the time like, Real Madrid, Barcelona, Juventus, Ajax, Red Star Belgrade, Anderlecht, Borussia Monchengladbach and Gornil, whereas in England, we pride ourselves that one of a dozen clubs could win the League or the Cups, so we have got strength in depth at the top. But 92 clubs is far too many in one body. You said yourself that you cannot get them all to agree on decisions".

Benson: "That is so, but it is the big clubs you cannot get the co-operation from when it comes to the commercial aspect, some of them take a distinctly "We're all right Jack" attitude."

Kernick: "They have seen the light and they do not want to subsidise the other clubs".

Benson: "I do not think it is that. There are other First Division clubs like Coventry, Ipswich and Stoke who do not command massive gates and therefore, require to supplement their income".

Kernick: "Do you see a football club as an entity on its own that should survive on its gates and its own initiative, or do you think they should survive as a body?"

Benson: "I think now they have got to survive as a body. It is the Football League Limited and with the game in financial turmoil they should operate commercially as one company. As one unit they are sitting on a goldmine.

Kernick: "That is right, but you will only achieve this with smaller structuring of the League. If the 4th Division were to go part time in the next two years, they would be much happier and the players would earn more money with part time jobs. Then in another three years the 3rd Division could follow suite.

"Don't get me wrong. I think, the fact that Northampton went from the 4th to the 1st Division and back again was fantastic. For one season they were playing the Manchester United's and Bobby Charlton's on equal terms, it was tremendous and I would not take that opportunity away from them. With the new Alliance League there is the chance to create an entry procedure between the non-League clubs and the Fourth Division, which is quite an exciting prospect.

Benson: "If this came into being it would eliminate the fear of finishing in the bottom four, because as it stands now if a club is ejected from the Competition they are virtually dead, there is no coming back.

Kernick: "That is right and it would give us the opportunity to regionalise the top divisions into say six groups of six clubs which would provide the clubs with more chance of success over a season.

Just how Dudley Kernick sees his proposed regionalised super League operating will be dealt with in a future edition of Programme Plus. In the meantime, these radical suggestions for making the Football League a more viable operation give food for thought.





Motoring with Jeremy Walton

12,000 HONEST MILES WITH VAUXHALL'S CHEVETTE

In June 1978, I paid £2150 odd for a 1256cc Vauxhall Chevette hatchback in L-trim. By September this year, the car had wheeled its way to my heart, minus the roadside halts that I dread, yet are seemingly accepted by buyers of both British and foreign cars today. Yes, the Chevette had clocked up 12,000 miles.

That's about average mileage for most modern motorists in Britain, so I thought I would look back on our experiences and see what you get today when buying a new car at the lower end of the scale.

What you don't get is refinement. The Chevette has proved to be a reliable but coarse friend. The kind of character who would get thrown out of Wimbledon for panting too loudly after running for every available ball conscientiously.

Reading the long term reports in *Motor* of more expensive and reputable cars I find that I have really been very lucky with the Vauxhall indeed. Of 17 cars tried six had major failures of either engine, gearbox or an involuntary roadside halt, mostly in that 12,000 mile period — while another highly rated import had self-destructed two non-laminated windscreens while parked!

In fact the only extra I ordered with this Chevette L was a laminated screen. My wife would be doing a lot of the driving and I did not want her stuck beside the road picking pieces of glass from herself, the seats and the remains of the screen.

At the time I bought the car the retail price was over £2350 but I achieved my discount price simply by walking into a local dealership and talking hard.

I did not say I was a journalist, but that was necessary to achieve a low interest finance agreement on a three-year business basis. A useful thing to remember if you are self-employed for normal HP terms restrict you to just two years repayments.

On delivery we noticed that the carpet was all rucked up and ill fitting, plus there were traces of glue all around the front screen pillars — not attributable to the new screen but to a lack of pride at the factory.

In use the car passed our expectations in its motorway cruising abilities and its cross country handling, which is better than the majority of GT-labelled saloons I have driven in the past. Large 5"

wide) wheels and generous disc front brakes, plus a conscientiously conceived rear axle layout, make the little Vauxhall transmit every bit of its accelerating, stopping, and cornering power. It's fun to drive on B-roads. On two-way-A-roads it is not so much fun, because the 57.7 bhp pushrod motor of four cylinders is not as efficient as the chassis. Passing is a slow business — a similar capacity Fiesta can make life awkward if it is accelerated suddenly. On paper the near 90 mph top speed and acceleration from rest to 60 mph in 15 seconds sound fine, but 'our' car never felt lively enough.

Poor tune and service have been the only problems to dog us. The disc brakes on the front went slightly out of true early on, so there is an annoying vibration when the brakes are applied anything other than softly. softly.

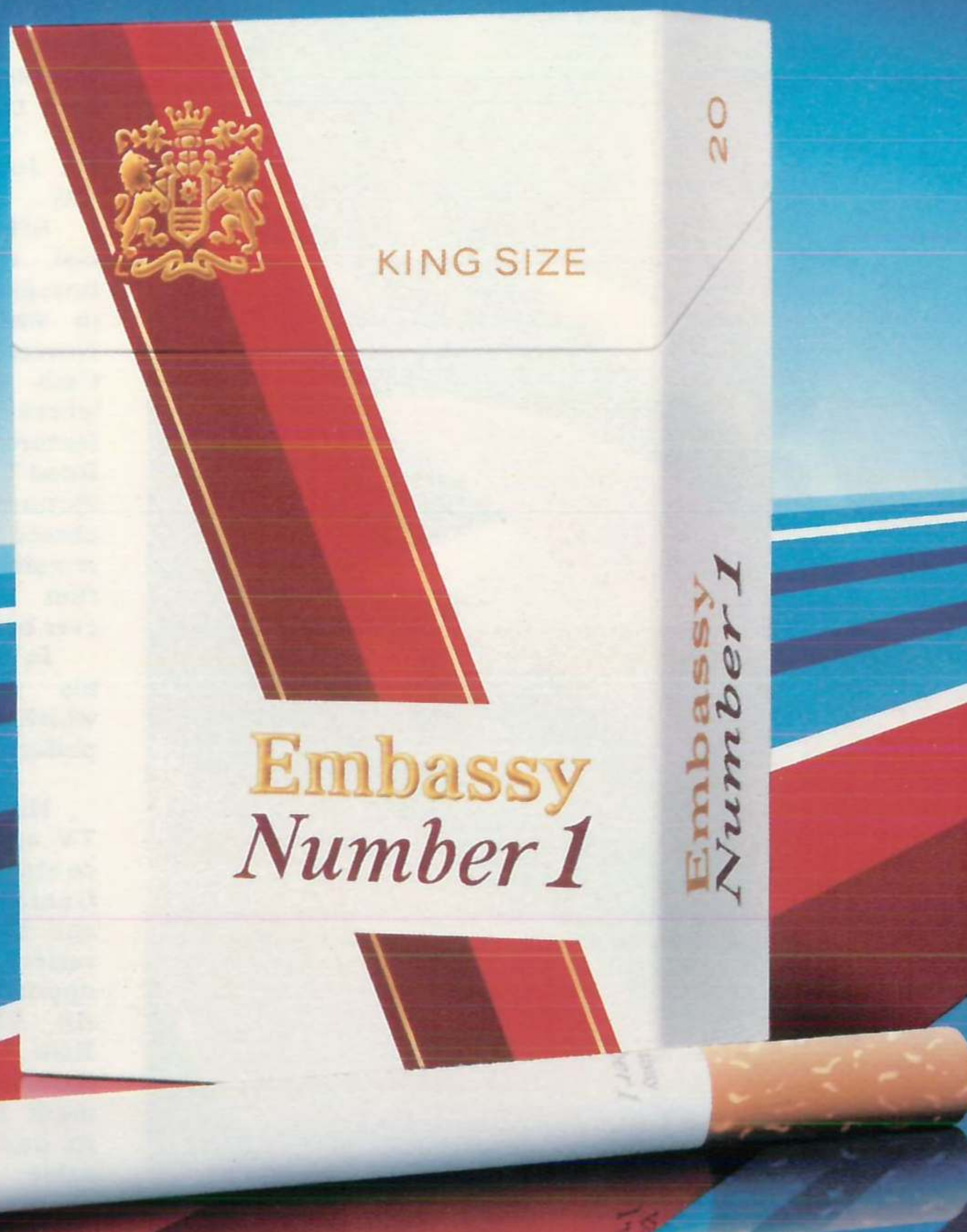
The engine developed such bad hiccups that we took it to the local Ford dealer to cure finally!

The only major problem was an alternator failure costing just short of £60 just after the warranty expired. We knew better than to go and ask for the favour of a free replacement by that time and paid up with a grim smile.

I still have the car and enjoy driving it, but I think the new breed of Vauxhall/Opel Kadett front drive derivatives will prove more economical (our car struggles to reach 30 mpg overall) and more refined. There's certainly room for improvement, but let's keep the comparative reliability for which I will always be grateful.

Oh, I've just looked outside and the Chevette's burst into flames. No, it's alright, it's bonfire night!

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Record Roundup



JOHNNY CASH

The Johnny Cash phenomenon stands today as one of the biggest things that has happened to country music since its recorded beginnings a half century ago. Today, Johnny Cash is recognised as "perhaps the most public figure in country music" and is an entertainer whose appeal has become universal. Beginning as a country singer, moving to become a world famous recording artist and finally bringing his inimitable style to film and television, Johnny Cash has seen his audiences only increase and broaden over the years, and today the Cash name is bigger than ever.

The son of an Arkansas cotton farmer, Johnny Cash was hauling water for a road gang when he was ten and pulling a nine foot cotton sack when he was twelve. He worked hard with his family to raise a crop of Arkansas cotton only to see the year's work washed away by the raging Mississippi River floods. Cash and his family suffered greatly during the Depression, as did most Americans.

By the time he finished high school, America was involved in the Korean conflict. Enlisting in the Air Force, Cash was assigned to Germany

and while in Germany, he bought his first guitar. It was during this period that Johnny Cash wrote the song that has served as his vocal signature, "Folsom Prison Blues". The song has since sold millions.

When the young Cash returned to the States, he got married. While pursuing work as a country music disc jockey, he realised he preferred performing. Finally, after several fruitless overtures to the Sun Recording Company in Memphis, Sam Phillips of Sun Records agreed to record him. Cash and "The Treasured Two" — Marshall Grant and Luther Perkins — got together for those first sessions, and with the release of "Cry, Cry, Cry" and "Hey, Porter" in June 1955, the Johnny Cash career was on its way.

After failing to cope with financial success, he eventually was brought back to the Christian faith in which he was brought up. In November 1971, Johnny and June Cash took a film crew to Israel where he wrote and produced a feature length film, entitled, "Gospel Road". Billy Graham's World Wide Pictures of Burbank, California purchased the film for distribution and it remains today as the most successful film the Graham organisation has ever been associated with.

In 1975, Johnny Cash published his autobiography, *Man In Black*, which further explained his spiritual philosophy.

His list of motion pictures and TV credits continue to lengthen. He co-starred with Kirk Douglas in "A Gunfight" for Paramount pictures and has appeared on all of the top variety shows, including playing opposite Peter Falk in "Columbo". An ABC-TV special, "Ridin' The Rails," depicting the history of the American railroad, stands as a landmark in the documentary field for its dual historical and entertainment value.

Johnny Cash has received countless awards and hosted many prestigious shows, he has also been honoured with a Doctorate of Humanities degree from the Gardner Webb College in North Carolina, the dedication in his name of The Retreat Mental Hospital in Decatur, Alabama and the Faith In Freedom Award by the Religious Heritage of America, Inc.

Johnny Cash has amassed a string of hits, including "A Boy Named Sue" (which garnered him the CMA Single of the Year Award, 1969) amongst many others.

On his latest album, Johnny Cash has once again re-teamed with Larry Butler to produce a superb collection of songs recorded in the Cash style. Entitled 'Gone Girl', the album features the hit title cut by "cowboy" Jack Clement and Cash's current U.S. single, Billy Ray Reynolds's "It'll Be Her"

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STAR REVIEW

*Leslie Vernon looks at a highly talented individual
Rob Rensenbrink (Anderlecht and Holland).*

Way back in the late sixties, Chelsea faced a little-known Dutch club, D.W.S. Amsterdam in the Fairs Cup. It was a mundane affair, giving no indication to the amazing rise of Dutch football which followed shortly afterwards.

But on the left-flank of D.W.S., there was a player who unmistakably possessed exceptional talents. He was fast, ran with perfect balance, ghosted past opponents and had a vicious shot.

The same winger made a return appearance two years later at Stamford Bridge, but this time with F.C. Bruges in the Cup Winners Cup. His game matured in the meantime, his individualism blended in perfectly

with the general pattern of the forward line's play.

By then, Robby Rensenbrink, one of the first of many mercenaries who left Holland for neighbouring Belgium, was a fully-pledged international, a rare player, often mentioned in the same breath as his compatriot Cruyff.

But the great Johan's presence wasn't wholly beneficial. I feel that Rensenbrink could have been a better player for Holland if he hadn't lived in the shadows of the Ajax star.

Robby says: "I thrive on responsibility, but don't like to be told what to do. Cruyff 'conducts' the team like an orchestra leader. He snaps his fingers and we all have to

run to our appointed positions.

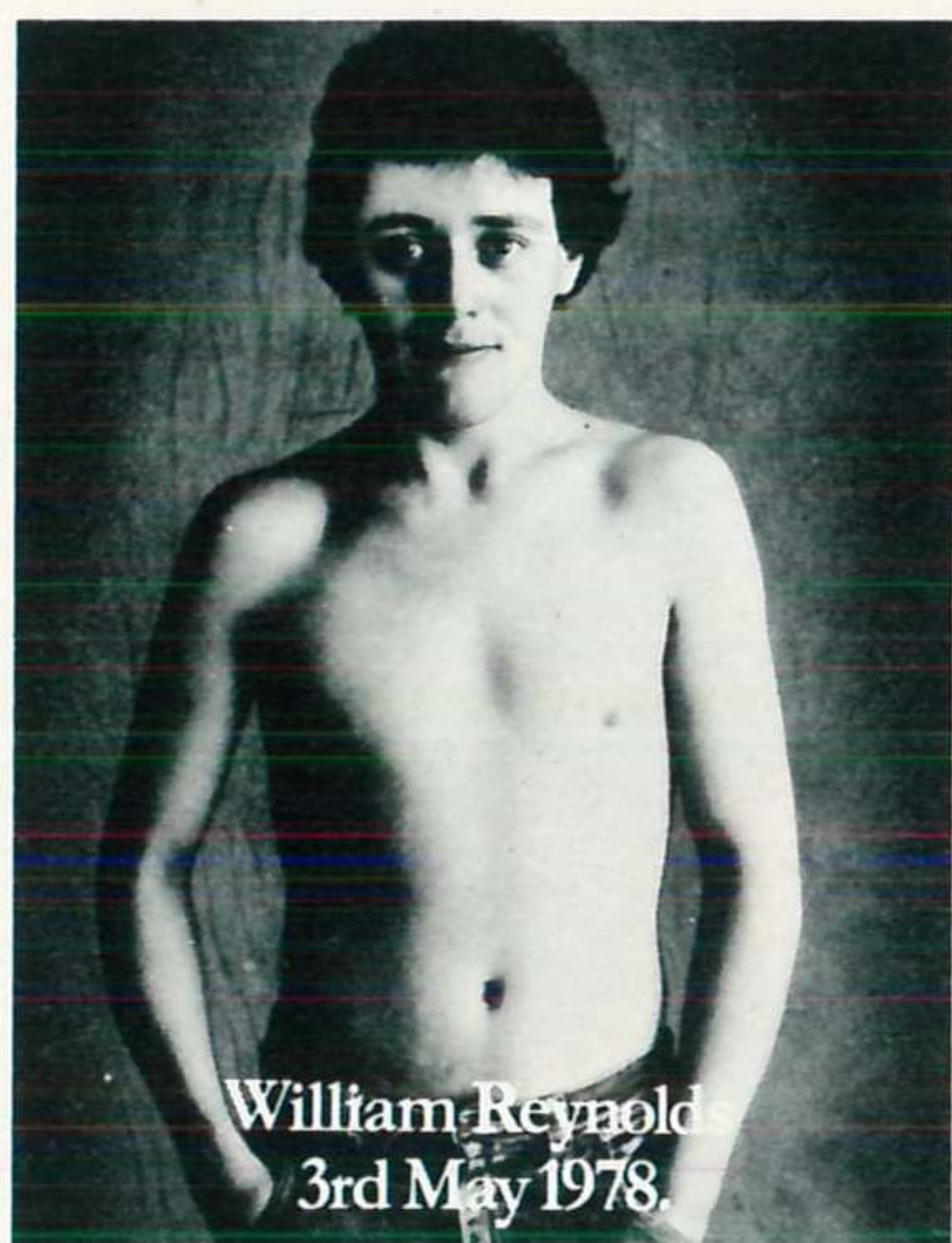
I know it's childish to sulk, but at times, when playing for my country, I would hide near the touch-line, and merely hang around waiting for the ball".

Rensenbrink, 32, left Bruges for Anderlecht in '71, when the two clubs swapped the veteran international Wilfried Puis and Robby — a clever piece of bargaining by Anderlecht boss, Constant Vanden Stock.

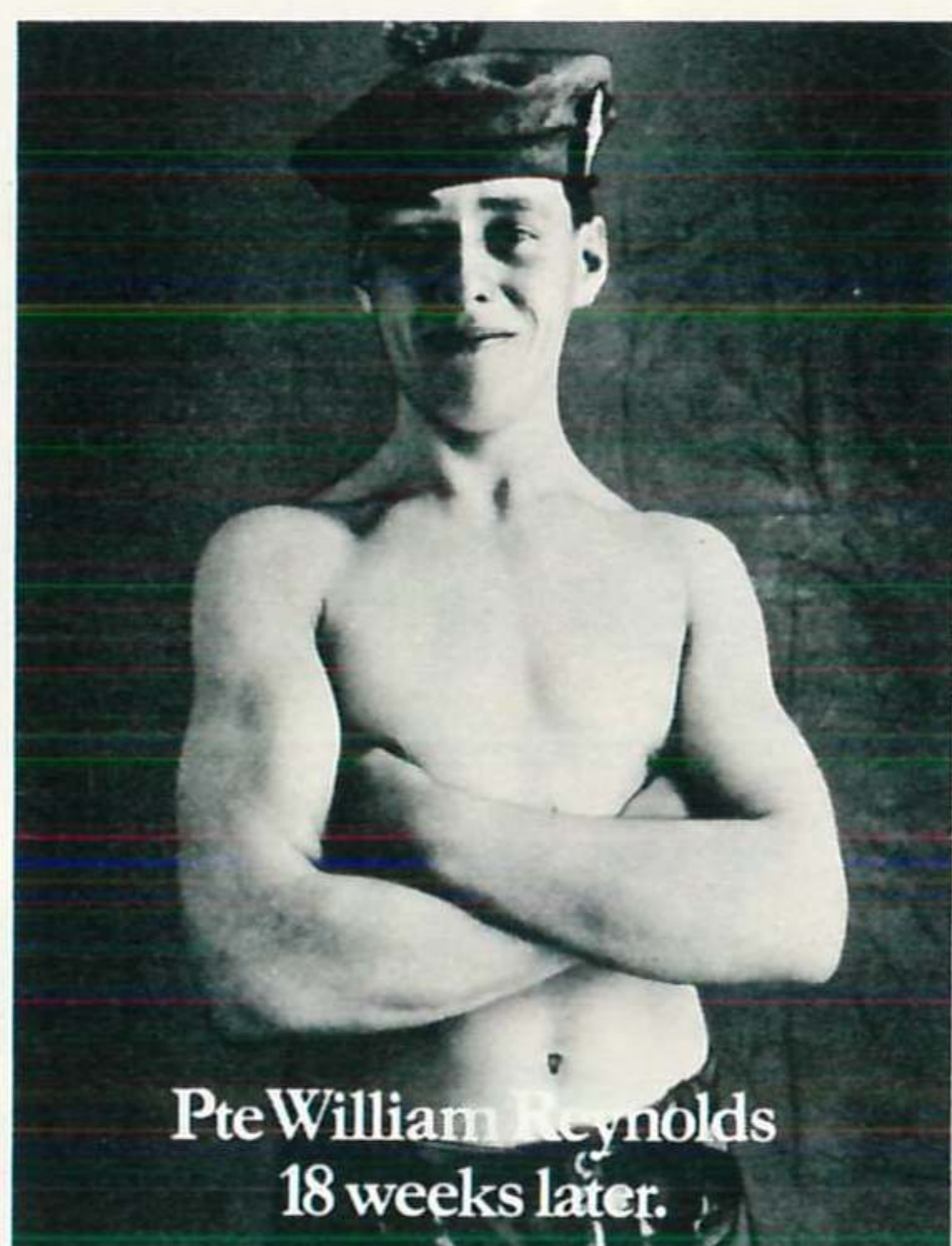
In Brussels, playing for his club, Rensenbrink's career reached its peak with displays of such intuitive brilliance, that he became an idol of the fans, and a great box-office attraction everywhere in Europe.

He played a major part in Anderlecht's triumph in the Cup Winners Cup in '76, when they beat West Ham 4-2 in a gloriously entertaining Final. Robby scored in every round, and in that crescendo in the Heysel Stadium Brussels, nailed the Londoners with two goals.

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NEWS ROUND-UP

FROM BOB DOWNING

'Sniffer' calls it a day

Allan Clarke, the former Walsall, Leicester City, Fulham, Leeds United and England striker, has decided to hang up his boots.

Clarke, 'Sniffer' to his Elland Road and international colleagues during his career as one of the leading strikers in Britain, will concentrate all his thoughts on being manager of Barnsley.

Clarke joined Barnsley last season as their player-manager and made a big impact, and although his playing registration is to be retained, he has said he will play only in emergencies.

United sign Yugoslav

Manchester United have joined the ever growing number of British clubs in the market for overseas players. They have completed the signing of Yugoslav international Nikolai Jovanovic from Red Star Belgrade for a fee of around £300,000.

Sack for Ormond

Former Scotland team manager, Willie Ormond, who guided them to the Finals of the World Cup in West Germany, has been sacked as manager of Hearts, who are currently lying second in the Scottish First Division.

Rewards for loyalty

At last—footballers who have shown magnificent service to their clubs are to be rewarded.

To start the awards, sponsored by *Mecca* and backed by the Football Managers and Secretaries Association, eight men who have shown wonderful loyalty to one club were honoured.

Heading the list was former Portsmouth and England wing-half Jimmy Dickinson, who played 764 League games for 'Pompey' and has served the club from player to fund raiser, to manager, to chief executive.

Chelsea's Ron Harris is still adding to his total of 640, while Ian Callaghan, now with Swansea City, clocked up over 600 for Liverpool.

Other players honoured were Roy Sproson (20 years with Port Vale), Joe Shaw (629 games for Sheffield United), Terry Paine (713 games for Southampton), John Trollope (756 games for Swindon Town) and Jack Charlton (629 games for Leeds United).

In future, there will be awards for players completing 200, 300, 400 or 500 League games for a single club—which should now bring Albion's 'Mr Loyalty' Tony Brown into line for an award.

Halifax boardroom

Aston Villa are not the only club to have boardroom troubles. Halifax Town have recently been going through the same experience with Chairman, Mr Andrew Delaney, winning his battle to oust two fellow directors.

He threatened to resign if two directors did not go, and after a short meeting, they resigned without a vote being taken.

'Boro tragedy

The recent tragedy at Middlesbrough, when two fans were killed when a wall collapsed, is sure to start more stringent tests for football clubs. Many of them have already spent thousands of pounds on ground improvements to get their Safety Certificate, but four, according to a *BBC Radio Sports Bulletin* do not have them for one reason or another.

Minnows v Giants

And so the upsets continue in the FA Cup. Hard on the heels of the achievements of Halifax Town and Harlow, come Wigan Athletic and Swansea City to keep the momentum going to bring many of the big names tumbling.

Wigan beat Chelsea at Stamford Bridge and Swansea beat Crystal Palace, and their successes, plus the fact several First Division sides have been drawn against each other, could mean a Second Division side emulating Southampton and Sunderland in recent years.

Albion boss, Ron Atkinson, fancies Nottingham Forest to lift the trophy, even though they face Liverpool in the next round and his dark horse . . . Everton.

Clough gets his man

When Brian Clough wants a player, he usually gets him no matter what the delay. He was set to sign Charlie George until Derby County directors blocked the move but this did not stop 'Cloughie'. Although George has been troubled by injury, he has moved to the City Ground on a month's loan—and if he proves his fitness, he will buy him.

Bribery check

Sir Harold Thompson, the FA Chairman, is to ask FIFA to investigate allegations of a bribery in the 1974 World Cup.

It has been disclosed in the *Sunday Times* that Polish players were offered money to lose the tie in Stuttgart—and these accusations have been confirmed by Kaziu Deyna and goalkeeper Jan Tomaszewski.



CHARLIE GEORGE

YOUTH CUP TRAVELOGUE

The atmosphere was good as the party of players and officials boarded the team coach bound for Peterborough for the Youth Cup 3rd round tie.

'Benji' was heard to say that he was looking for a hat-trick—such was the buoyant mood.

After a meal break en route at Corby, the lads arrived at mist-shrouded London Road to find conditions underfoot a little heavy with the air temperature quite cold.

Referee, Mr Sewell got the game under-way and after an opening spell of indifference Ian Benjamin pounced to place a shot well wide of goalkeeper Tattersall to open his and Albion's account. This after only 7 minutes.

Neither side really settled to their task, with passes going astray and over hasty play—Eric Bowen could have made it 2-0 in the 23rd minute, but shot wide although he was very well placed.

Gary Childs showed a maturity beyond his 15 years keeping his forwards well supplied with passes.

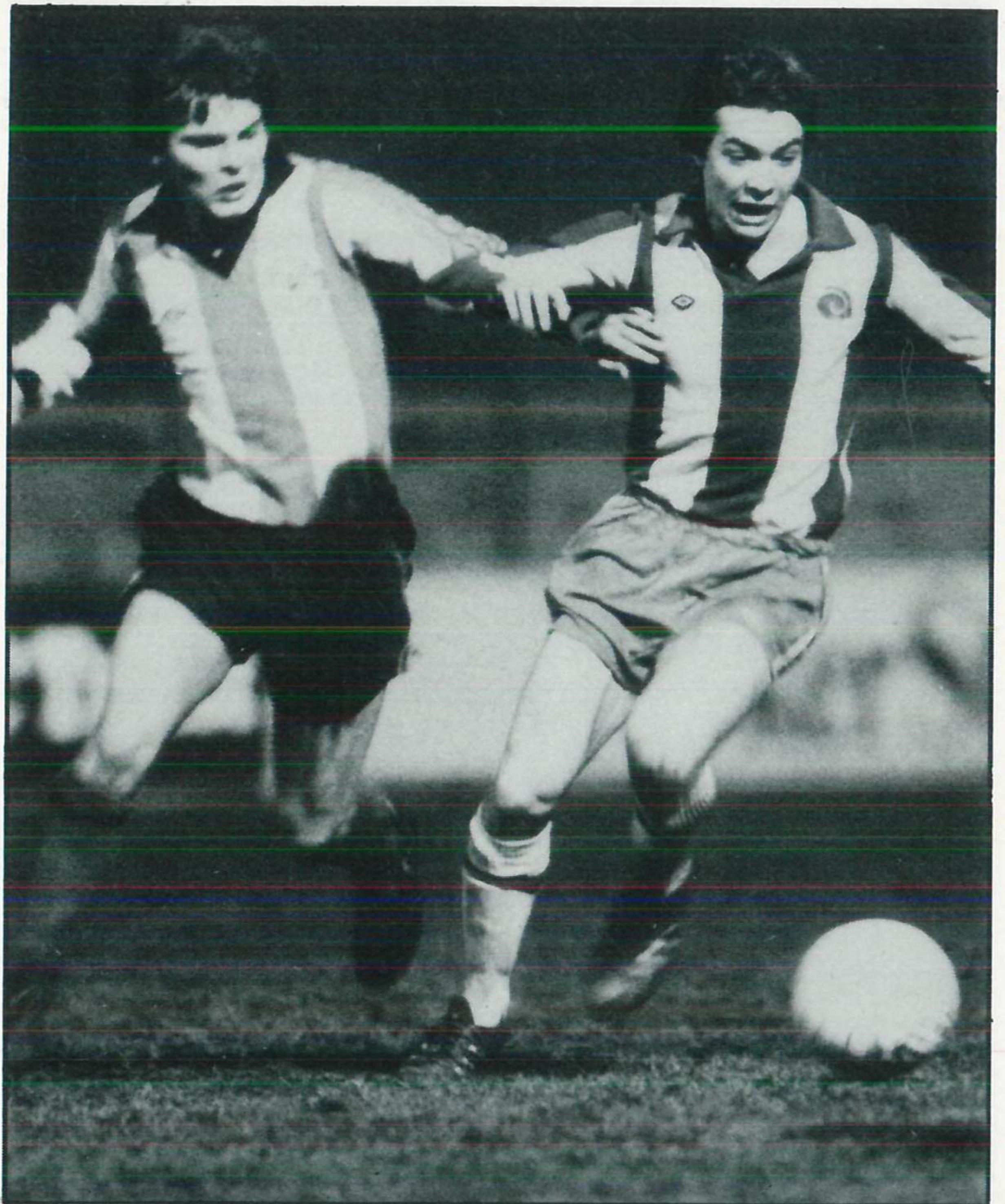
Neither goalkeeper was really troubled although it did look as if Albion held the whip hand and some 8 minutes from full time Benjamin broke the deadlock yet again putting the ball through the goalkeeper's legs and into the net to make the scoreline just about correct at 2-0.

There was a lot of endeavour from both sides, the difference being that Albion's two central defenders Martyn Bennett and Alan Webb provided the solid foundation on which the 'Posh' attack floundered.

The teams were . . .

Peterborough United: Tattersall S., Newton A., Wilson S., Collins S., Enderby P., Gynn M., Ward P., Gale T, Chapman C., Rossi M., Death C. Sub: Biggs J.

Albion: Phillips G., Conniff N., Benjamin I., Bennett M., Webb A., Dawson T., Childs G., Bowen E., Hyde K., Headland T., Snape J. Sub: Holder R.



Peterboro' 0, Albion 2

Top Left: Tony Dawson wins out in a race for the ball.

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Bottom Left: Coach Albert McPherson keeps a fatherly eye on proceedings.

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Bottom Right: Linesman D. J. Potter inspects the players foot-ware.

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Right: Eight minutes gone and Benji gets his first to open our account.

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Below: Benji again finds the net for the second time.

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Fourth Round Draw—
ALBION v LUTON TOWN
at The Hawthorns.
Date to be arranged.

Dear Editor...

Thanks from Ipswich... and thanks from Arsenal

Dear Editor,

I am happy to report that the Ablion supporters who travelled to Ipswich for the match on New Year's Day behaved impeccably and in a way that was a credit to themselves and their club. They were good-hearted in defeat at a time of the year when spirits do tend to run high and it is a pleasure, also to inform you that our local police reported a trouble-free afternoon.

It would be remiss of me, on behalf of the Ipswich Town club, not to congratulate the Albion contingent and to wish you well for the remainder of the season. See you at The Hawthorns on 7th April.

MEL HENDERSON—PRO
Ipswich Town FC, Portman Road, Ipswich

Editor: Every club at some time or other comes in for adverse criticism so on this occasion we are doubly happy to publish letters praising our supporters.

Dear Editor,

I am an Arsenal supporter and felt I must write and thank your for an enjoyable day on the 15th December.

A cold and damp Saturday afternoon was brightened up considerably by the good natured and friendly 'Baggies' supporters in the Stand, as well as the helpful advice and direction offered by the stewards. Add to this your excellent programme—surely one of the best in the League—that offers a great deal of interesting news and information. This must encourage more true fans to return to our much maligned national game.

G. P. BUTLER

42 Hillcroft, Loughton, Essex

Editor: We would like to think that Mr Butler's words would come true and that more supporters would turn up.

Pen Pals Wanted

Dear Editor,

I am hoping you can help me. I am a 16-year-old male Watford FC fanatic and I would love some pen pals of my own age who support Albion. Please will you advertise for one for me in your matchday magazine?

NEIL DEAN

55 Chiltern Avenue, Bushey Heath, Herts.

Editor: Your plea[se] is answered Neil.

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Dear Editor,

I would be very grateful if you would print my letter in the *Albion News* when the lads play Bolton Wanderers on the 19th January, because I am looking for a pen pal. I am 15-years-old and my name is Karen, I follow the Albion everywhere. I would like a male pen pal aged between 16 and 19. My hobbies are soccer, 'pop' and heavy rock music, I also like swimming. I would be very grateful if he could enclose a photograph. The best of luck to the lads for the remainder of the season.

KAREN SUMMERHAVES

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Editor: Thanks for the Good Luck message, hope you have luck in your quest.

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The New Year started brightly for the 700 supporters who turned out to see the Reserves encounter against Sheffield United Reserves, although the scoreline showed only two goals, the action was end-to-end and a share of the spoils probably justified with both teams making supreme efforts on a pitch badly affected by frost.

Derek Monaghan spearheaded Albion's efforts all through and it came as no surprise when he found the net late in the game to level the scores.

Earlier good efforts by Remi Moses, Kevin Summerfield and David Mills had all gone wide and in one flurry of activity United forced three corners in succession before Gary Marrow shot over to relieve the pressure.

In the 36th minute Marrow made amends, shooting past the advancing David Stewart, having outpaced the Albion defence.

Monaghan had lengthy treatment for an eye injury just prior to the break.

End-to-end play saw Summerfield shoot over, Benjamin hit the bar and Mills too getting into good scoring positions.

David Arthur had to kick Marrow's effort off the line and similarly Monaghan saw his header turned over the bar by United's Phil Jones.

Ian Benjamin showed his skill in wriggling through the defence before shooting over and he it was who supplied the lovely through-ball for Monaghan to run on to and shoot past Neil Ramsbottom.

The eight minutes remaining saw both sides striving for the winner with Albion coming closest, Summerfield shooting into the side netting and that man again Monaghan ballooning his shot high over.

A good performance with the unsure underfoot conditions being the ultimate winner although neither side shirked their responsibilities, and Referee Mr G. Houlihan acted very sensibly in exercising firm control.

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Having the Youth Cup involvement looming ahead and with no reserve team fixture that day Albion's Intermediate League team took on Shrewsbury Town, who's team included several players with reserve team experience. Being Shrewsbury's reserve side they too had a sprinkling of senior players, including Trevor Birch a signing from Liverpool.

Albion ran out easy winners overcoming the heavy conditions to produce some excellent football resulting in a 5-2 win, the goals coming from Cross (3), Page and Summerfield.

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The Reserves home fixture against Liverpool's mighty 'Reds' attracted the biggest gate of the season for the second team and they were thoroughly entertained by a match that flowed throughout.

Without any real threat to either goalkeeper, play surging from end-to-end, although Liverpool had a real chance to go ahead, Referee Danson, awarding them an indirect free-kick eight yards out of Albion's goal.

Fortunately little came of it the ball being ballooned over the bar for a goal-kick.

McGarvey headed into Grew's arms from close in and at the other end Benjamin shot wide from a good position.

The first-half ended all-square after an absorbing 45 minutes of end-to-end play.

On the resumption Albion took up the attack with Monaghan shooting over following a 50-yard run. He finished the run limping badly and was withdrawn, John Loveridge coming on.

Fairclough saw his shot go wide following which Liverpool were awarded a free-kick from which McGarvey scored, Grew getting down well but the ball spun off his body looping into the net.

From here on Albion's reserves took more control with pressure being put on the 'Reds' defence continually.

Arthur had a good shot saved, Moses and Benjamin too brought the best out of goalkeeper Ogrizovic. At the home end only a last ditch tackle by Webb denied McGarvey a scoring opportunity.

Albion finally squared the account with a brilliant goal. Summerfield started off the move feeding Cross, who beat his shadowing defender before chipping the ball over the advancing 'keeper's head.

The final 15 minutes had Albion's attack very much in the ascendancy, Summerfield having a good effort touched round the post, Cross putting his attempt over and Benjamin too winning a corner.

The injury to Monaghan was not too serious, however, he was pulled out of the party to go to Dhubai, Summerfield being the late replacement.

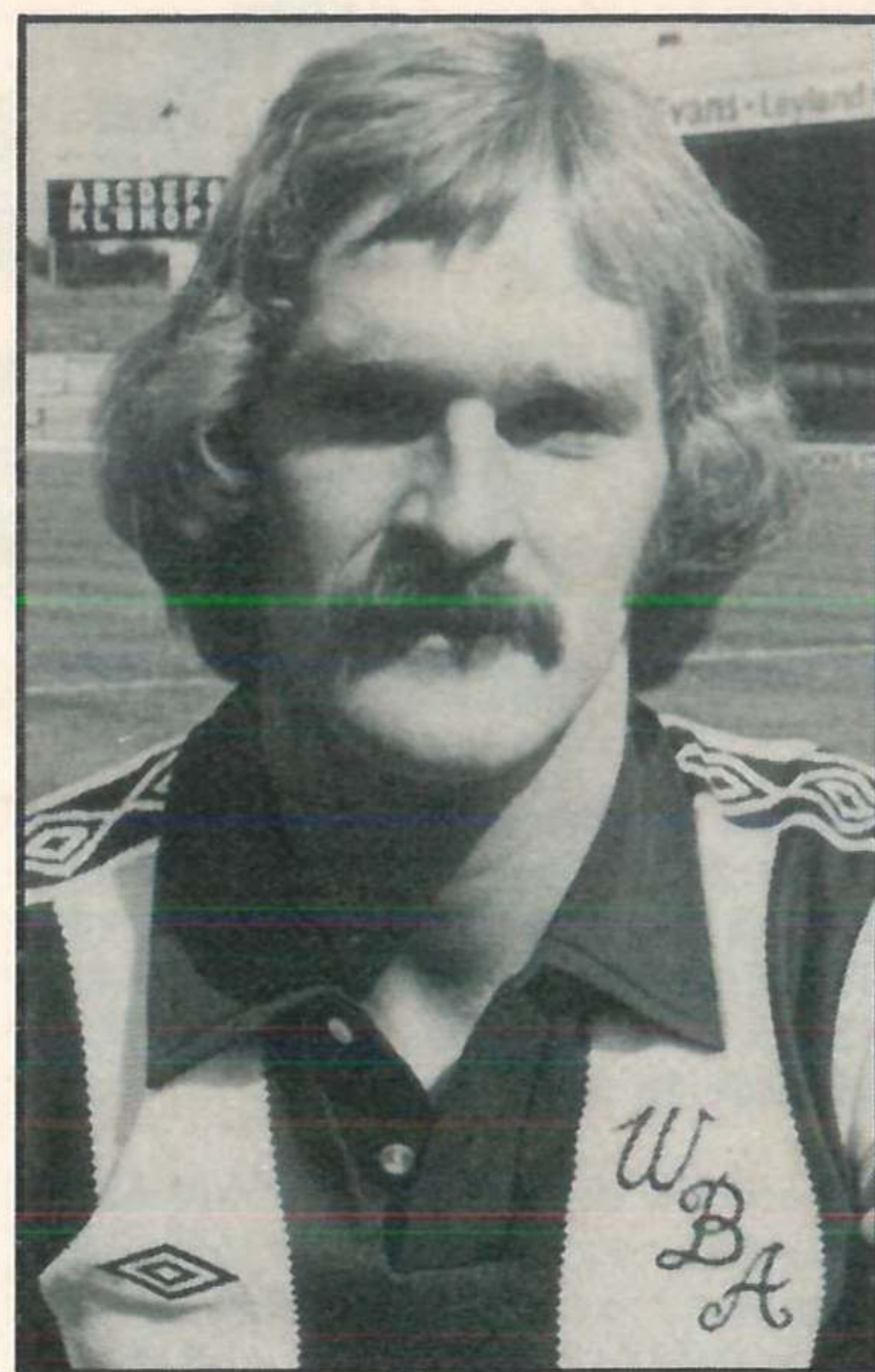
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Albion's Intermediate side went down to a Stoke City team which included three players with first-team experience, whereas Albion included four amateurs, Richard Holder, John Snape, Gary Childs and Trevor Francis.

The result could well have favoured us with Brown having the misfortune to see two shots on target luckily saved and the goalscoring effort by Stoke full-back Scott being their only real chance.

Having substituted Childs at half-time, Albion were reduced to ten-men for the final 35 minutes, Vernon Hodgson being taken off with injury.

This handicap, plus the bumpy pitch proved a little too much, although Albert MacPherson was of the opinion that Albion's efforts deserved at least a point with the team battling hard all through.



A TESTIMONIAL FOR ALISTAIR

Permission having been granted—Alistair Robertson's committee will be organising many events for his Testimonial. And when any details are forthcoming then you will be the first to know.

Alistair has served Albion well since first he joined the Club and deserves a bumper Testimonial so do keep an eye open for details of the functions, one of which is announced below and then rally round in support.

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SCRAPBOOK

Albion have had two very successful periods in their many meetings with Bolton Wanderers. The first was between 1896-97 and 1920-21 and the second from 1953-54 to 1973-74.

Bolton, in that 25 year period either side the turn of the century, only registered one victory in 14 League visits to West Bromwich, and during that 20 year span from the mid-fifties to the mid-seventies, Albion stayed unbeaten in 12 encounters at The Hawthorns.

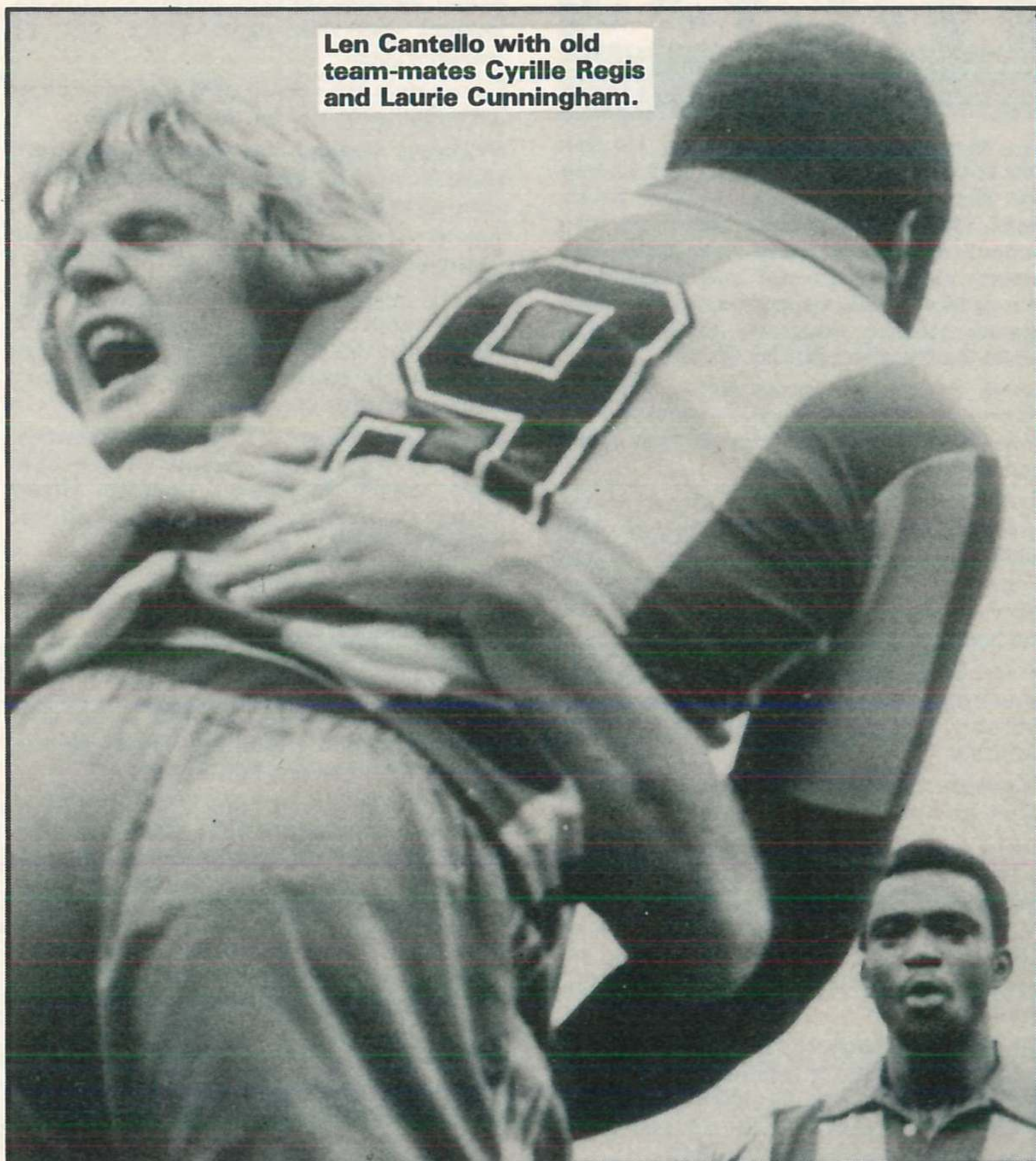
'The Trotters' (Bolton's nickname) had their best undefeated stint at Burnden Park between 1920 and 1951 when visiting Albion were unsuccessful in 13 trips.

The clubs first met in a League match on November 5th, 1888 when Wanderers blasted Albion 5-1 at Stoney Lane. Two participating players—Hendry of Albion, and Siddons of Bolton—were involved in a fierce fighting tussle near the end of this match and both were later suspended for a month by the League Commission.

Albion crashed to a couple of seven goal defeats at Bolton in 1889 and 1891, while on December 8th, 1900, Albion gained some revenge by tanking the Wanderers 7-2 at The Hawthorns in a style which flabbergasted the onlookers and newspaper men because relegation-threatened Albion had only scored 13 goals in 16 outings up to that stage in the season.

In 1935 Albion won through to the FA Cup Final at Wembley by beating Bolton 2-0 in a replayed semi-final tie at Stoke. Two first half goals by 'WG' Richardson and Sandford's penalty did the trick.

Since World War II virtually all Albion v Bolton fixtures have been closely fought. But four exceptions were Albion's 4-0 Cup win in 1975 and League triumphs of 6-2 in 1962 and 4-0 in 1978 and a Bolton success of 3-0, again in the FA Cup, in 1966.



Len Cantello with old team-mates Cyrille Regis and Laurie Cunningham.

- The 100th League game between Albion and Bolton took place at The Hawthorns on April 8th, 1975, the visitors winning 1-0.
- Today's game will be the 124th between the club's at all levels of first team action. It will be League match number 106, and the breakdown in this field at present reads: Albion 37 wins, Bolton 39 wins and 29 draws. Bolton lead on goals—172-154.
- Players for both clubs include: Laurie Bell, Alf Bentley, Harry Boston, Len Cantello, Mick Gallagher, Nelson Howarth, Harry Kinsell, Bethel Robinson and Freddie Shinton.



ALF BENTLEY

NEW SIGNING

From Bangor to the Black Country . . . from Wrexham to West Bromwich . . . that is the pedigree of Albion's latest signing.

Forty-five year-old Barry Cornes (pictured right) has joined the Albion staff as the Club's Accountant, previously being in industry with a company situated in North Wales.

Living in Bangor, Barry has supported Wrexham these past five seasons—however, he accepts that the 'Baggies' are going to be his team from now on.

He likes to be kept busy, and we hope our supporters will see to it that he is, by turning up on Saturdays and also supporting all our commercial ventures, so that Barry's 'till' keeps ringing!

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Rab Rogers called into the Club Shop recently, leaving us with copies of London Supporters Branch Centenary Edition of *Euston Express*.



The tickets are available to members of the Supporters Branches at £5.50 each, from the Executive Committee.

Vince Hill heads the cabaret and the date for your diary is Saturday 19th April, following the local derby game against Wolves.

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Derek Monaghan (pictured below) is looking forward to tomorrow, for he is 21.

In this day and age it's debatable when one reaches majority. Is it 18 or 21? Irrespective of that Derek, I am sure all Albion supporters wish you well and hope you have a Sunday to remember.

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Finally, on behalf of The Albion, a warm welcome to you all and thank you for your support at this time and thanks to *Bradley & Co Ltd*, for sponsoring the match ball and a first time 'Hello' to Mr D. Crowley and his colleagues from *Wheeler Tubes Ltd*.

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Two more milestones have been reached . . . Tony Godden played his 150th senior game at West Ham and Ally Brown his 250th game for Albion in the home Cup-tie.

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Next Monday evening (the 21st), *The Arden Sporting Club* is putting on one of its Boxing/Dinner evenings and who better to be the Guest of Honour than 'Bomber' Brown.

Tony is being accompanied by John Wile and myself, and we have been assured that our participation will definitely be kept outside the ring.

That reminds me to remind you, that our own Sporting Club has its next function shortly.

One-time *BBC* sports commentator Ken Wolstenholme is attending as guest celebrity, so if you want a good evening in Ken's company then do give me a ring to book your table.

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Bob Maull tells me that the Supporters Executive Committee has completed initial arrangements for this year's Gala Evening.

As a change the evening consists of Dining, Dancing and Cabaret at *The King's*, Hamstead.



FIRST TEAM APPEARANCES, GOALSCORERS, RESULTS AND ATTENDANCES 1979-80

79-80	Opponents	F	A	Gate	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Substitute
Aug 18	Derby County ..	0	0	24,727	Godden	Batson	Statham	Trewick	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Brown A	Brown T	Owen	Barnes	Mills
22	Manchester United ..	0	2	53,393	Godden	Batson	Statham	Brown T	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Brown A	Mills*	Owen	Barnes 1	Trewick
25	Liverpool ..	1	3	48,021	Godden	Batson	Statham	Brown T	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Brown A	Mills	Owen	Barnes	Summerfield
29	Fulham (F L Cup 2 1st Leg)	1	1	14,617	Godden	Batson	Statham	Brown T	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Brown A	Mills	Owen	Barnes	Summerfield
Sept 1	Nottingham Forest ..	1	5	26,405	Godden	Batson	Statham	Brown T	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Summerfield	Mills*	Owen 1	Barnes	Trewick
5	Fulham (F L Cup 2 2nd Leg)	1	0	11,542	Godden	Batson	Statham	Trewick	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Mills	Brown T	Owen	Barnes	Summerfield
8	Bolton Wanderers ..	0	0	17,033	Godden	Batson	Statham	Trewick	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Brown A	Brown T	Owen	Barnes	Mills
15	Manchester City ..	4	0	22,267	Godden	Batson	Statham	Trewick	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Brown A 1	Brown T	Owen 1	Barnes*	Summerfield 1
19	Carl Zeiss Jena (UEFA Cup 1st Leg)	0	2	21,660	Godden	Batson	Statham	Trewick	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Brown A 1	Brown T	Owen	Mills	Not Used
22	Tottenham Hotspur ..	1	1	29,814	Godden	Batson	Statham	Trewick	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Brown A 1	Deehan	Owen*	Barnes	Brown T
26	Coventry City (L C 3)	2	1	18,058	Godden	Batson	Statham	Trewick	Wile 1	Robertson	Robson	Brown T 1	Mills	Owen	Barnes	Monaghan
29	Brighton & Hove Albion	2	2	21,305	Godden	Batson	Statham	Trewick	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Brown A 1	Deehan	Owen	Barnes	Brown T
Oct 3	Carl Zeiss Jena (UEFA Cup 2nd Leg)	1	2	19,204	Godden	Batson	Statham	Trewick*	Wile 1	Robertson	Robson	Brown A	Brown T	Owen	Barnes	Mills/Monaghan
6	Middlesbrough ..	1	2	16,312	Godden	Batson	Statham	Mills	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Brown A	Deehan	Owen 1*	Barnes	Brown T
10	Manchester United ..	2	0	27,811	Godden	Batson	Statham	Mills	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Brown A	Deehan 1	Owen	Barnes	Brown T
13	Aston Villa ..	0	0	36,007	Godden	Batson	Statham	Mills	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Brown A	Deehan	Owen	Barnes	Brown T
20	Southampton ..	4	0	22,766	Godden	Batson	Statham	Mills	Wile	Pendrey	Robson	Brown A 1	Deehan 1	Owen 1*	Brown T	Brown T
27	Coventry City ..	4	1	22,746	Godden	Batson	Statham	Mills	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Brown A 2	Deehan	Owen	Brown T	Trewick
31	Norwich City (L C 4)	0	1	24,251	Godden	Batson	Statham	Mills	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Brown A	Deehan	Owen	Barnes	Barnes
Nov 3	Derby County ..	1	2	21,408	Godden	Batson	Statham	Brown T	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Brown A	Deehan	Owen	Brown T*	Regis
7	Norwich City (L C 4 Replay)	0	3	19,676	Godden	Trewick	Statham	Mills	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Brown A	Deehan	Owen*	Barnes	Barnes
10	Norwich City ..	2	1	20,028	Godden	Trewick	Pendrey	Mills	Wile 1	Robertson	Robson	Brown A	Deehan	Owen	Barnes	Regis
17	Leeds United ..	0	1	17,481	Godden	Batson	Pendrey	Mills	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Brown A	Deehan	Brown T	Barnes	Trewick
24	Wolverhampton Wanderers (1)	0	0	32,564	Godden	Batson	Pendrey	Mills	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Brown A	Deehan	Owen	Regis	Barnes
Dec 1	Everton ..	1	1	21,227	Godden	Batson	Pendrey	Brown T	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Brown A	Regis 1	Owen	Barnes	Deehan
8	Stoke City ..	2	3	18,865	Godden	Batson	Pendrey	Mills	Wile	Robertson	Trewick	Brown A	Regis 1	Owen*	Barnes 1	Deehan
15	Arsenal (2)	2	2	18,820	Godden	Batson	Pendrey	Mills	Wile	Bennett	Robson	Brown A	Regis	Owen*	Barnes	Deehan
26	Bristol City ..	3	0	19,836	Godden	Batson	Pendrey	Trewick	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Brown A	Regis	Owen 1	Barnes 2	Brown T
29	Liverpool ..	0	2	34,957	Godden	Batson	Pendrey	Trewick	Wile	Robertson	Robson	Deehan	Regis	Owen*	Barnes	Brown A
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Jan 1	Ipswich Town ..	0	4	22,477	Godden	Batson	Pendrey	Trewick	Wile	Robertson	Robson*	Brown A	Deehan	Brown T	Barnes	Regis
5	West Ham United (F A Cup 3)	1	1	20,572	Godden	Batson	Statham	Trewick	Wile	Robertson	Deehan	Brown A	Regis 1	Owen	Barnes	Brown T
8	West Ham United (F A Cup 3 Replay)	1	2	30,869	Godden	Batson	Statham	Trewick	Wile	Robertson	Deehan	Brown A	Regis	Owen*	Barnes	Brown T 1
12	Nottingham Forest ..	1	3	27,724	Godden	Batson	Statham	Trewick	Wile	Robertson	Mills	Deehan	Regis	Owen	Barnes*	Brown T
19	Bolton Wanderers ..	1	3		Godden	Batson	Statham	Trewick	Wile	Robertson	Mills	Deehan	Regis	Owen	Barnes*	Brown T
Feb 2	Manchester City ..															
9	Tottenham Hotspur ..															
16	Brighton & Hove A. ..															
23	Aston Villa ..															
Mar 1	Southampton ..															
8	Coventry City ..															
14	Middlesbrough ..															
22	Norwich City ..															
29	Leeds United ..															
Apr 1	Crystal Palace ..															
5	Bristol City ..															
7	Ipswich Town ..															
12	Everton ..															
19	Wolverhampton Wanderers ..															
26	Arsenal ..															
May 3	Stoke City ..															
10	F.A. Cup Final															
To be arranged	Crystal Palace															

FIRST DIVISION LEAGUE TABLE

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	P
Liverpool	23	8	4	0	28	5	6	3	2	22	10	35
Manchester United	24	10	2	0	26	3	3	5	4	11	14	33
Arsenal	25	5	5	3	14	8	4	5	3	14	12	28
Norwich	25	7	5	0	24	12	2	5	6	14	21	28
Southampton	25	8	1	3	30	14	3	4	6	7	16	27
Aston Villa	23	6	3	3	16	12	3	6	2	13	11	27
Ipswich	25	8	2	3	23	9	4	1	7	11	21	27
Leeds United	25	6	3	3	17	12	3	6	4	12	18	27
Nottingham Forest	24	8	2	1	22	9	3	2	8	14	21	26
Middlesbrough	24	7	5	1	17	7	3	1	7	8	15	26
Crystal Palace	24	6	5	1	17	5	2	5	5	10	20	26
Wolverhampton W.	23	5	5	2	16	10	5	0	6	13	19	25
Coventry	25	8	1	3	24	14	3	1	9	13	29	24
Tottenham	24	7	1	3	16	12	2	5	6	14	24	24
Manchester City	24	6	3	3	17	12	3	2	7	9	23	24
Everton	25	4	5	4	19	16	2	5	5	11	16	22
Brighton	24	5	3	3	17	14	3	3	7	16	22	22
W.B. Albion	24	6	4	2	25	14	0	4	8	7	21	20
Stoke City	24	5	2	5	17	17	1	5	6	9	18	19
Bristol City	25	3	5	5	12	16	2	3	7	8	20	18
Derby County	25	5	1	7	18	17	1	3	8	5	20	16
Bolton	24	1	8	3	8	11	0	1	11	8	31	11
(Up to and including Saturday, 12th January 1980)												

APPEARANCES AND GOALSCORERS

Players	LEAGUE	FAC	FLC	UEFAC
P. BARNES	20	4	2	1
M. BENNETT	1	-	-	-
B. BATSON	21	-	-	-
A. BROWN	20+1	6	2	2
T. BROWN	12+3	2	0+1	1
J. DEEHAN	15+1	2	-	-
T. GODDEN	24	-	-	-
D. MILLS	15	-	-	-
D. MONAGHAN	-	-	-	-
G. OWEN	21	5	2	2
G. PENDREY	10	-	-	-
C. REGIS	7+2	3	2	1
A. ROBERTSON	22	-	-	-
B. ROBERTSON	22	7	-	2
D. STATHAM	15	-	-	-
K. SUMMERFIELD	1+2	1	-	-
J. TREWICK	12+2	1	2	2
J. WILE	24	1	2	1
Up to and including Saturday, 12th January 1980				

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BOYER (Southampton)	20
JOHNSON (Liverpool)	20
STAPLETON (Arsenal)	15
SUNDERLAND (Arsenal)	15
KIDD (Everton)	14
DALGLISH (Liverpool)	14
HODDLE (Tottenham)	14
BILEY (Derby County)	12
(all scored for Cambridge Utd.)	
CROOKS (Stoke)	12
McDERMOTT (Liverpool)	12
WARD (Brighton)	12

HAWTHORNS AWAY TRAVEL SECTION

MANCHESTER CITY v ALBION

Saturday February 2nd, 1980

Coaches depart at 10-30am
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QUERY ANSWERED ...

For Mr R. S. Small of Bearwood Road, Smethwick.
YES—Stuart McLaren was named as sub for Albion's League side—at Southampton on October 28th, 1972.

★ Average home League attendance so far this season is **23,574**.
The aggregate total from 12 games played is 282,895. Highest 34,957 (v Liverpool) and lowest 18,820 (v Arsenal).

CENTRAL LEAGUE				F A	
79-80	Opponents				
Aug 18	Derby County	..	..	3	1
22	Manchester United	..	..	2	2
25	Sheffield Wednesday	..	..	5	0
Sept 1	Liverpool	..	..	0	2
8	Manchester City	..	..	0	1
11	Huddersfield Town	..	..	2	1
15	Bolton Wanderers	..	..	2	2
22	Newcastle United	..	..	0	0
26	Sheffield United	..	..	0	2
29	Blackpool	..	..	3	3
Oct 6	Bury	..	..	1	2
10	Manchester United	..	..	1	1
13	Aston Villa	..	..	0	1
20	Blackburn Rovers	..	..	3	0
23	Everton	..	..	0	0
27	Coventry City	..	..	2	2
Nov 3	Derby County	..	..	1	1
10	Nottingham Forest	..	..	1	2
17	Leeds United	..	..	3	1
24	Wolverhampton Wanderers	..	..	2	0
Dec 1	Preston North End	..	..	3	1
8	Stoke City	..	..	1	1
21	Burnley	..	..	2	0
29	Sheffield Wednesday	..	..	4	1
Jan 1	Sheffield United	..	..	1	1
12	Liverpool	..	..	1	1
19	Manchester City	..	..	..	..
26	Everton	..	..	..	..
Feb 2	Bolton Wanderers	..	..	..	..
9	Newcastle United	..	..	..	..
16	Blackpool	..	..	..	..
23	Aston Villa	..	..	..	..
Mar 1	Blackburn Rovers	..	..	..	..
8	Coventry City	..	..	..	..
14	Bury	..	..	..	..
22	Nottingham Forest	..	..	..	..
29	Leeds United	..	..	..	..
Apr 7	Burnley	..	..	..	..
12	Preston North End	..	..	..	..
19	Wolverhampton Wanderers	..	..	..	..
26	Huddersfield Town	..	..	..	..
May 3	Stoke City	..	..	..	..

CENTRAL LEAGUE				F A		APPEARANCES		Goals
Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Apps	
Nottingham Forest	26	13	7	6	50	26	26	—
Aston Villa	25	12	8	5	43	28	1	—
Manchester United	25	11	9	5	44	29	15	—
Liverpool	23	13	4	6	52	25	21	6
Wolverhampton W.	23	13	4	6	51	25	23+1	5
Coventry City	24	13	4	7	57	36	18+2	6
Everton	26	12	6	8	40	28	17+1	—
W. B. Albion	26	9	11	6	43	29	4+1	—
Manchester City	26	11	7	8	38	31	14	—
Derby County	27	10	7	10	39	42	16+2	—
Burnley	23	12	3	8	26	31	1	—
Sheffield Wednesday	23	10	5	8	39	37	21+1	—
Bury	22	9	3	10	30	46	3	3
Stoke City	21	6	8	7	27	26	24	9
Leeds United	24	9	2	13	35	43	16	2
Blackpool	25	7	6	12	34	45	5+5	—
Preston North End	24	7	6	11	28	42	7	—
Newcastle United	26	7	6	13	22	36	2	2
Huddersfield Town	25	8	3	14	33	43	0+1	—
Blackburn Rovers	25	7	5	13	34	54	21	7
Bolton Wanderers	24	4	6	14	30	48	1	—
Sheffield United	25	5	2	18	31	76	12	2
(Up to and including Saturday, 12th January 1980)								
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50 YEARS AGO THIS WEEKEND
League Division Two ... ALBION 4, BARNESLEY 2
Albion Scorers: G. Shaw (pen.), W. G. Richardson, Cresswell, Carter.
Attendance: 8,138

HALF-TIME SCORES				MIDLAND YOUTH LEAGUE			
Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
W.B. Albion	11	8	1	2	22	6	17
Birmingham	11	4	5	2	20	14	13
Luton Town	11	4	5	2	13	12	13
Coventry City	9	4	4	1	27	18	12
Swindon Town	9	4	3	2	14	9	11
Derby County	10	5	0	5	14	14	10
Bristol City	11	3	3	5	17	17	9
Wolverhampton	8	2	4	2	14	16	8
Leicester City	11	1	4	6	14	23	6
Northampton	11	1	1	9	8	34	3

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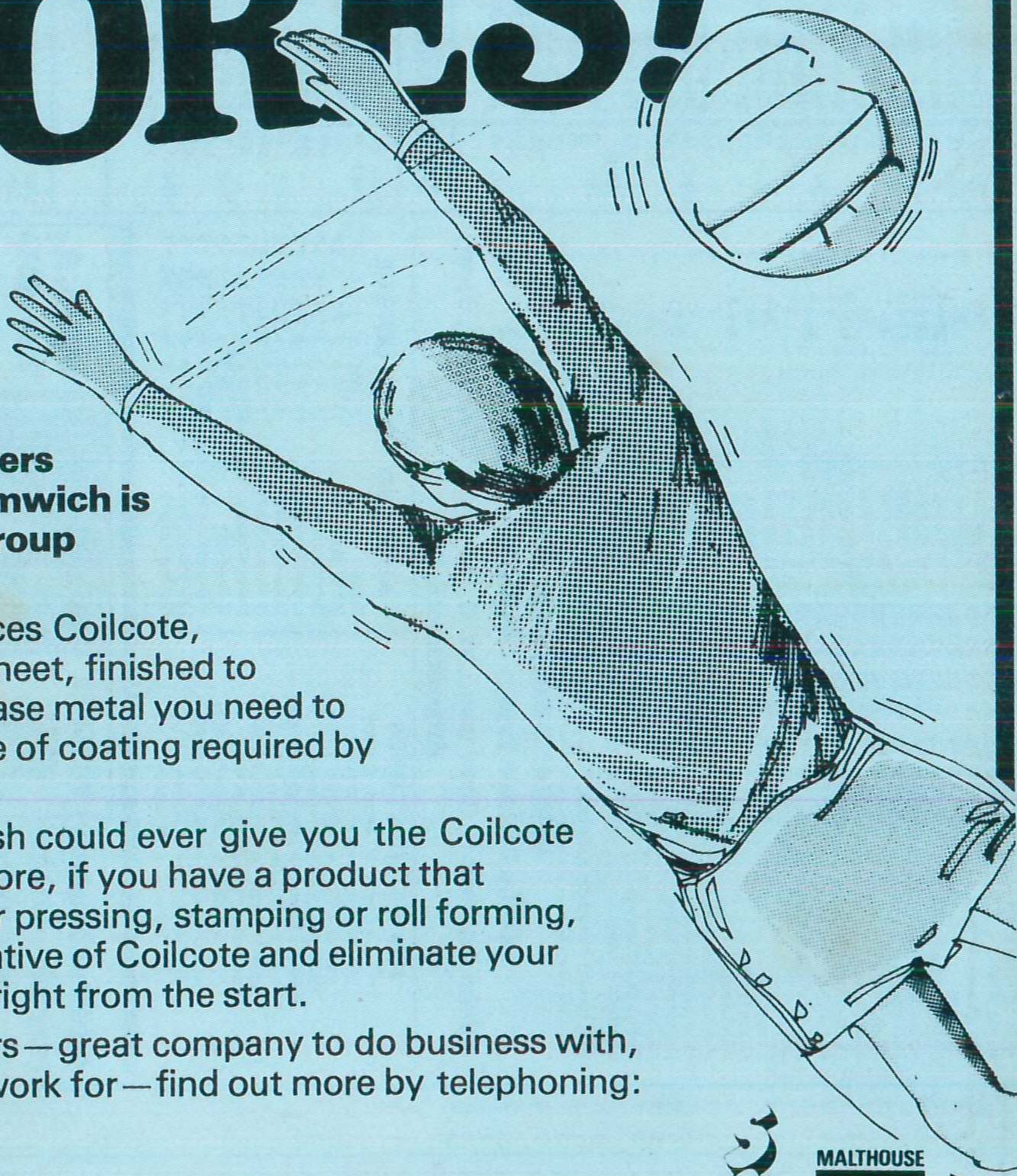
INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE				F A	
79-80	Opponents				
Aug 18	Bristol City	..	..	2	3
25	Bristol Rovers	..	..	1	2
Sept 1	Port Vale	..	..	1	0
8	Mansfield	..	..	0	2
15	Walsall	..	..	0	2
22	Notts. County	..	..	1	1
29	Stoke	..	..	0	0
Oct 6	Shrewsbury Town	..	..	0	2
20	Wolverhampton Wanderers	..	..	1	0
27	Aston Villa	..	..	0	1
Nov 3	Coventry City	..	..	1	0
10	Nottingham Forest	..	..	1	2
17	Walsall	..	..	0	2
24	Bristol City	..	..	2	3
Dec 4	Bristol Rovers	..	..	1	1
8	Notts. County	..	..	1	2
22	Nottingham Forest	..	..	3	2
29	Port Vale	..	..	2	2
1980		..	..		
Jan 2	Wolverhampton Wanderers	..	..	5	1
5	Shrewsbury Town	..	..	5	2
12	Stoke City	..	..	0	1
19	Mansfield Town	..	..	..	..
26	Coventry City	..	..	..	..
Feb 2	Aston Villa	..	..	..	..

MIDLAND YOUTH LEAGUE/CUP				F A	
79-80	Opponents				
Aug 22	Swindon Town	..	..	0	1
Sept 4	Leicester City	..	..	1	1
12	Wolverhampton	..	..	2	0
19	Bristol City	..	..	1	0
26	Bristol City	..	..	2	1
Oct 3	Bristol City	..	..	1	0
10	Northampton	..	..	4	0
23	Derby County	..	..	2	1
Nov 1	Birmingham City	..	..	0	3
14	Birmingham City	..	..	2	0
29	Luton Town	..	..	0	1
Dec 12	Leicester City	..	..	3	0
19	Coventry City	..	..	2	1

FA YOUTH CUP				F A	
79-80	Opponents				
Dec 5	Nuneaton Borough (Round 2)	..	..	1	0
Jan 9	Peterborough United (Round 3)	..	..	2	0

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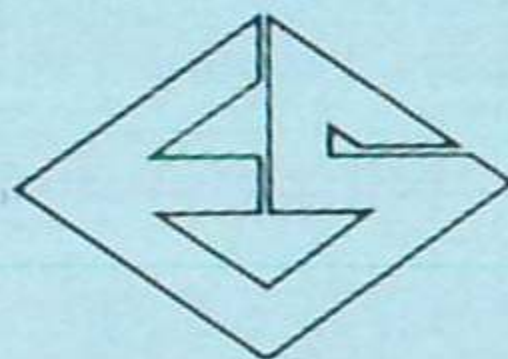
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